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Thatcher bid to slash £8bn food mountain

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The Prime Minister is to propose that farmers in Britain and the rest of Europe take land out of production to rid the Common Market of its £8.7 billion food mountains.

In a courageous bid to tackle a crisis which European leaders have been dodging for years, she will fight hard to impose this British last-resort solution at a crucial EEC summit meeting in London next month.

Mrs Thatcher will insist that only modest cuts will be necessary to slay the monster that the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has become.

However, *The Times* can reveal that, at the same time, a devastating report is being prepared by the original architect of the CAP who claims that the crisis is now so desperate that 20 per cent of farming land – both good and marginal – should be taken out of production.

Mrs Thatcher is anxious to resolve the food surplus crisis before Britain hands over the Presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers to Belgium on December 31.

The summit, on December 5 and 6, will be the last chance to fulfil her pledge that the CAP bull would be taken by the horns during the British Presidency.

Sources close to Mrs Thatcher said yesterday that the British proposal of a reduction in the amount of farming land to cut production in beef by about 1 per cent, milk by 3 per cent and cereal by 5 per cent, had a good chance of being approved eventually.

The indications are, however, that Mrs Thatcher will fail to get agreement at the summit, although sources are optimistic that she will at least succeed in launching the process for decisions to be made early next year.

How the Common Agricultural Policy turned into a monster that grew out of control: Pages 12, 13

Mrs Thatcher is eager to put her stamp on the Presidency but hopes of a deal are being thwarted by Chancellor Kohl of West Germany. He is facing elections in January and is reluctant to agree to any decision that could turn farmers against him.

One Whitehall source said yesterday: "All we want at the moment is to keep the Germans happy and prevent them from saying 'no' to our proposals. If they won't say 'yes', it would be better if they said nothing."

Mrs Thatcher has been convinced that the only practicable option left to stop the CAP from running out of control may now have to be to cut the amount of land available for production. But British officials believe that only a small reduction is needed.

Dr Sicco Mansholt, the former Dutch Agriculture Minister and ex-President of the European Commission, whose vision of a fair price deal for farmers formed the basis of the CAP more than 25 years ago and who is now preparing the report calling for a 20 per cent cut in farmland, told *The Times* in an interview that only this sort of drastic action would save the CAP from collapse.

He said: "No one believed when we set up the CAP that there would be such surpluses. Now we have to get rid of them and the only choice is to make one-fifth of the land fallow."

But, according to sources, Mrs Thatcher does not believe that a 20 per cent cut is necessary.

One source said yesterday: "We're only talking about a very modest change to correct huge waste. We'd rather do it through prices or by limiting the open-ended guarantees for farmers, but that could cause political problems.

"So if we can't keep down production through price then we should take a bit of land out. We're not talking about very much."

The Duchess of York striding ahead with a shooting party at Sandringham at the weekend (Photograph: Simon Kunting).

Suspect share deals revealed

By Carol Ferguson

An investigation into insider trading by a leading accountancy body has discovered suspicious share price movements in more than three-quarters of the cases analysed.

On average, shares rose 15 per cent faster than the stock market as a whole in the month before a bid was announced, according to unpublished figures prepared by staff of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

The ICAEW's technical directorate undertook its investigation after the Ivan Boesky scandal.

It looked at all takeovers announced during April last year. The results showed that in 15 of the 19 cases there were noticeable price movements in the shares during the 10 days before an announcement.

The movements averaged 14.87 per cent above the changes in the level of stock market prices as a whole.

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Wright got fee for revealing M15's secrets

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

An extraordinary secret deal under which Mr Peter Wright, the former senior MI5 officer, was paid "substantial sums" in royalties for a book on the security service by Mr Chapman Pincher, the author, can be disclosed by *The Times* today.

Until now, it was believed that Mr Wright's sole motive for helping Mr Pincher to write his book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, in late 1980 was that of a crusader exposing alleged traitors inside MI5 in an attempt to clean up British intelligence.

However, he had another motive which was money. Under a secret arrangement with Mr Pincher, 50 per cent of the royalties from the book was to be paid to a front company of "consultants". There was only one consultant and that was Mr Wright.

The revelation that Mr Wright was paid "thousands of pounds" for collaborating with Mr Pincher for his book which was filled with classified information, could swing the court case in Sydney the Government's way.

This week Mr Wright is expected to appear in the witness box for the first time in the New South Wales Supreme Court in the case brought by the Government to stop the publication of his book, *The Spy Catcher*.

Details of his collaboration with Mr Pincher for *Their Trade is Treachery* and a secret trip he made to Britain in August 1980 which was paid for by a good friend of his, Lord Rothschild, himself a former MI5 officer, may then emerge.

Yesterday Mr William Armstrong, managing director of Sidgwick & Jackson, which published Mr Pincher's book, told *The Times*: "The book was commissioned in a perfectly normal way. Half the royalties were paid to Mr Pincher, the other half to a company whose name I had been given. I was not aware of the existence of Mr Wright."

Mr Pincher yesterday said that when he met Mr Wright at a secret address in this country for a few hours in August 1980, the former MI5 officer told him he was writing a book about treachery in the secret services, including the case of Sir Roger Hollis, the former director-general of MI5, and had completed several chapters.

Mr Pincher told *The Times*: "Wright said that he and his wife Lois who did his typing, were finding the book too laborious and he wanted a professional writer whom he could trust to complete it on the understanding that he would get 50 per cent of the royalties.

"I told him that I could not possibly be involved in giving him money but that if a book was feasible and a reputable publisher could be found, it would be normal practice for half the royalties to be paid to him, provided I was not involved in the payments in any way."

The meeting between Mr Pincher and Mr Wright had been arranged by Lord Roth-

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Tebbit will write to 5m voters

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Five million of "Thatcher's children" are to get a letter from Mr Norman Tebbit next year as part of a massive vote-catching drive by the Conservative Party in the run-up to the next election.

The first-time voters will be told by the Tory chairman about the Government's plans to improve job prospects and expand opportunities for education and training – their chief concerns, according to *The Times*/MORI poll of the 18 to 25 age group carried out in the summer.

They will also be asked their views about the problems facing Britain and how they might be tackled. They will also be invited to join the Conservative Party.

The success of direct mail operations by Conservative Central Office during the past three months – it recruited 500 new members a week – has persuaded strategists to put the operation on a national footing in the New Year.

They plan to mail 10 million homes and reach an audience of 16 million people.

In addition to the first-time voters, targets groups will include shareholders in newly privatized companies such as British Telecom and British Gas, householders in the 25 to 35 age group, and professional groups such as doctors, teachers, nurses and farmers.

Shultz admission on Iran talks

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan's Administration was under increasing pressure at the weekend after Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, admitted that he had attended two White House discussions on the Iran arms sales, contradicting State Department statements that he had been only "sporadically" informed.

Mr Shultz's admission, made on his way to Ottawa, follows accusations by Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, that Mr Shultz was "repeatedly and often" informed of the details. The secretary of State however denied as "not true" reports that he had asked for the dismissal of Admiral John Poindexter, Mr McFarlane's successor.

As the furore continued, with White House aides accusing each other of bungling the operation, Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, defended what he called the "high-risk policy initiative" and said "the jury is still out" on whether it was conducted correctly.

He told the Washington Post that President Reagan "would just as soon that everybody shut up." Mr Regan said he had no plans to leave the White House, "unless asked to by the President". but he added: "That doesn't hold forever. I'm not sure I'll be here in January '89. How long can I hold out ? A coupie more of these things."

However, a growing number of Congressmen and Reagan supporters are calling for the prompt dismissal of both Mr Regan and Admiral Poindexter.

Significantly, long-time California friends of the President, including Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General, are now saying that Mr Shultz must also leave.

They are said to be urging the president, with the encouragement of Mrs Nancy reagan, to replace Mr Shultz with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and to put Mr Drew Lewis, a former Transportation Secretary, in the place of Mr Regan.

Mrs Jean Kirkpatrick, a former ambassador to the United Nations, is being canvassed as a possible replacement for Mr Poindexter.

Presiden Reagan insisted last week that he would not sack anybody.

Enrile replaced in Philippines crisis

From Keith Dalton and David Watts, Manila

President Aquino yesterday replaced her rebellious defence minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, after a night of political tension and coup rumours, and accepted the resignation of her entire Cabinet.

She announced the mass shake-up of her nine-month-old Government on national television after a seven-hour Cabinet meeting.

The resignation of Mr Enrile, who had long been rumoured to be plotting a coup against Mrs Aquino, ended temporarily the worst crisis of her rule, which peaked on Saturday night with soldiers securing Parliament, radio and television stations and communication centres on the President's orders.

Mrs Aquino said Mr Rafael Ileto, a 66-year-old military and diplomatic veteran, would replace the outspoken Mr Enrile.

At his home in a Manila suburb, Mr Enrile said it was a relief to be out of politics. He told journalists: "Let someone else worry about the Government." His wife and family also seemed happy with the idea that he had left politics after 20 years. Mr Enrile was visited by a succession of generals, some of them in uniform. Another caller was the Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel.

The President's three-minute speech, in mid-afternoon, came after the chief of the armed forces, General Fidel Ramos, told all military commanders to disregard any orders coming from the defence ministry, and announced a foiled plot by supporters of the deposed President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to seize the defunct national assembly. An Enrile

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Tariff war likely if EEC fails to agree

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Growing fears that the world's two greatest trading blocs could be on the brink of a tariff war will dominate today's meeting of the 12 EEC foreign ministers in Brussels.

American frustration with Europe's agricultural protectionism has reached a pitch not seen for many years and officials in Brussels are warning that the time for compromise is running out.

Only 37 days remain to settle a complex and broad-ranging dispute. Even allowing for the European art of fudge, it is thought Washington is unlikely to accept further delay.

America's farmers have been feeling the pinch since Spain and Portugal joined the EEC, forcing it to raise tariffs against them. US exports of sorghum, corn and other products came to a standstill, leading to demands for retaliation by Washington.

US tariffs to block an estimated $500 million of EEC imports were to have begun on July 1, but were averted by an eleventh-hour compromise.

This allowed the US to continue exporting at the 1985 level until the end of the year, on the basis that by then a long-term solution would be reached.

Responsibility for the negotiations lies with the European Commission, but in practical terms the foreign ministers hold the reins.

If a compromise is not reached, Britain feels that international dispute-arbitration mechanisms under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade should be used.

Police investigate FT thefts

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Metropolitan and City of London police have been called in by the *Financial Times* to investigate two thefts of documents from company premises, including files revealing the company's negotiating strategy with the print union Sogat '82.

Mr Frank Barlow, chief executive of the newspaper, said yesterday that "two or three" files had been removed from the company's headquarters at Bracken House in the City and given to another newspaper. The files were subsequently returned.

Mr Barlow said he did not know which newspaper had received the files. As a matter of routine procedure, City of London police were asked to investigate the theft, he said.

The *Financial Times* is negotiating a series of agreements with its unions to cover its planned move to a high-technology printing plant at the East India Dock. The newspaper is seeking to substantially reduce its workforce as a result.

In a second case, Metropolitan Police have been called in to investigate the theft of a confidential memorandum written by a director of the company's newsletter-publishing division.

The memorandum was removed from the desk of Mr Peter Sabine at Tower House, headquarters of Financial Times Business Information (FTBI), a newsletter-publishing division.

The document, which angered journalists, contained an assessment of FTBI employees on a 10-point scale. It warned that some of them were "contaminated by indesirable attitudes and practices" and suggested that the newsletter division be reorganized dispensing with the services of certain employees.

The memorandum was subsequently distributed to journalists at the *Financial Times*, who demanded an apology.

Mr Barlow disavowed the memorandum, which he said violated company policy. He said yesterday that he had held a disciplinary hearing concerning Mr Sabine, clearing him of gross mismanagement but finding him guilty of an error in judgement. Consequently, Mr Sabine has been removed from his position at FTBI and reassigned.

Victory for Austrian Socialists

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

With over 92 per cent of the votes counted, the Austrian Socialist Party held on to their majority, winning 80 seats in Parliament. Their rivals, the Austrian People's Party, polled 41.29 per cent of the votes to win 76 seats.

Both parties suffered considerably from the success of the Freedom Party under their right-wing nationalist leader Herr Jorg Haider, which polled 9.83 per cent of the votes, winning 19 seats.

The Greens polled 4.63 per cent of the votes to win nine seats.

Secretaries on £15,000 plus

Top secretaries have broken through the £15,000 a year barrier and can now expect a long list of perks in addition, according to a secretarial recruitment organization.

During the next five years, the salaries of such secretaries were likely to increase well beyond the rate for other clerical positions, Mrs Diana Duggan, of City Recruitment Consultants, said.

Villagers go into battle

Angry villagers are to hold a protest meeting at Great Cressingham, Norfolk, tonight to draw up plans to fight the Army's proposal to buy 3,450 acres of farmland to extend the 17,000-acre Stanford battle training ground.

'Repentance' ends 20-year silence on Stalin era

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Moscow – Mr Gorbachov last night said that "the day is not far off" when there would be an agreed political settlement to the Afghanistan question, leading to a withdrawal of the Soviet troops. (Christopher Walker writes).

The remarks have increased speculation that his visit to Asia may be used to launch new moves on Afghanistan and other Asian issues.

Gorbachov visits Delhi, page 9

After a deafening official silence lasting more than 20 years, the Soviet Union has in recent weeks begun the painful process of coming to public terms with the mass terror of the Stalin era, a subject previously kept under wraps on strict Kremlin orders.

The first sign of a change more significant than anything so far seen in Mr Gorbachov's cultural thaw came with the limited release of *Repentance*, a remarkable film which for the first time deals frankly – if in allegorical form – with the horrors of Soviet life during the purges.

Now showing to selected audiences in Moscow, the film will be released during the next few weeks, having already received approval from senior ideologues in the Kremlin hierarchy.

"It is probably the most sensational film to have appeared here in my lifetime. It is virtually impossible to get a ticket," one Moscow film enthusiast in her early 30s said.

The film, a subtle blend of fact and fiction by the well-known director Tengiz Abuladze, (from Stalin's native Republic of Georgia) drives home the previously unmentionable message that the Soviet Union has yet to acknowledge openly the full horrors of Stalinism. Soviet audiences claim the central villain, although unidentified, is clearly recognizable as Stalin's ruthless chief of secret police, Lavrenti Beria.

In one telling scene, a window is shown where prisoners' families are told whether they can correspond with prisoners. Among the last names read out are the real names of Georgian intellectuals murdered during the Stalinist period.

The release of the film, already showing to packed cinemas in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, has coincided with an equally sensational move in the Soviet literary world, the public announcement that a major autobiographical novel about the Stalin era, *The Children of the Arbat*, is to be published here next spring.

Written by Anatoli Rybakov, aged 75, an author best known for his adventure stories and children's books, it is set in 1934 and is described by the author as a "group portrait" of his generation.

The book is due to appear in the magazine *Druzhba Narodov* (Friendship of the Peoples), one of the Soviet monthlies that introduce important literary works before their publication in book form. The announcement that the novel will appear in its April, May and June issues is understood to have been sanctioned at a high level in the Kremlin.

According to those who have read the manuscript, which has been in preparation for some 20 years, the novel presents the dictator Stalin as a central character, stripped of the carefully rewritten history and official myth that, in the Soviet Union, has long surrounded his true behaviour.

Despite the de-Stalinization programme of the late 1950s, the Stalinist period, which included mass political arrests before and after the Second World War, has been very much a closed subject.

Leading figures in Moscow's cultural world have compared the sudden change in official attitude towards works on Stalin with the brief period in the early 1960s when Khrushchev allowed publication of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's novel about the infamous Stalinist labour camps, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*.

According to literary sources, one driving force behind the recent liberalization has been Mr Gorbachov's wife, Raisa, who was last week elected the only female member of the 11-strong governing board of the Cultural Fund, a new organization devoted to supporting the arts.

Tomorrow

Sid's sale of the century

The sale of British Gas is likely to make £5.6 billion, the largest share sale in British history. Seven and a half million people have already expressed an interest. Tomorrow The Times publishes the application form and prospectus – in full.

Portfolio Gold

● The £8,000 weekly prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition on Saturday was shared by three readers, Mr J R Lawes of Ealing, London W5, Mrs J Jones of Chippenham, Wilts, and Mrs A M Abbott of Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Details page 3.

● There is £8,000 to be won today – double the usual amount because there was no winner in Saturday's daily competition. Portfolio list page 24; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

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Tyson's title

Mike Tyson, the 20-year-old American, became the youngest boxer to win a world heavyweight title when he beat Trevor Berbick in the second round in Las Vegas

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All square

Everton and Liverpool drew 0-0 in their first division football match at Goodison Park

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Production up

The Confederation of British Industry's monthly trends inquiry shows an improvement in manufacturing prospects but there was concern over the outlook for inflation

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NEWS SUMMARY

Soldiers hurt in IRA bomb raid

Five soldiers were injured yesterday, none seriously, when the Provisional IRA fired five home-made mortar bombs into the middle of the fortified police and army post at Middletown, south Armagh, on the Irish border. The mortars were launched from a van about 300 yards away, across the border in the republic's Co Monaghan.

Only four of the five bombs exploded inside the police and army compound. There were no casualties from the Royal Ulster Constabulary but the soldiers were hit by flying debris. Two were taken to hospital.

The van in which the mortar tubes were mounted caught fire almost immediately after the breakfast time attack. It was either burned by the attackers or by the premature detonation of a booby-trap device designed to catch members of the security forces. Irish police cordoned off the area around the wreck for several hours.

UDM poll decision

A total of 31 delegates from the Union of Democratic Miners are almost certain to vote to put up their own parliamentary candidate to fight Labour in the important mining constituency of Mansfield, now Labour-held.

The move is retaliation for the refusal of the Labour Party to recognize the UDM, and the selection of Mr Alan Meale, a left-winger, to replace Mr Don Concannon, the retiring MP in the Labour-held seat. He had a majority of 2,216. The UDM has said it may also put up rival candidates in Bassetlaw, Ashfield, and Sherwood. The UDM says its own candidate could win Mansfield, or let in the Conservatives, and destroy Labour's chances in the other constituencies.

Soldier's new heart

Britain's first artifical heart transplant patient was named yesterday as Army Sergeant Raymond Cooke, aged 40, from Nottingham, who was given a Jarvic-7 plastic heart this month at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge.

His identity was kept a secret until he received a new human heart. The condition of Sergeant Cooke, a father of five, was described as stable yesterday, with his new heart working well.

Steel policy boost

Mr David Steel's defence policy has been overwhelmingly ratified by the English Liberal Council. More than 200 delegates at the council's meeting in Bristol endorsed the "Liberal initiative for a new statement of Alliance policy of defence and disarmament" with three votes against.

The initiative, worked out by the Liberal parliamentary party to bridge the gap between them and the SDP on defence, calls for a "freeze" on present nuclear levels. It says the Alliance is committed to Nato, accepts American bases, wants to cancel Trident but would maintain a "minimum nuclear deterrent" until it could be negotiated away.

Safe seat fight call

Mr Willie Hamilton (right), the anti-royalist Labour MP for Fife Central who is aged 70 next June, is to fight a safe Conservative seat for Labour at the next election.

He has been selected as prospective Labour candidate for South Hams, Devon, where Mr Anthony Steen has a 12,000 Conservative majority. Mr Hamilton said he was looking forward to fighting a constituency where William of Orange, a founder of the present royal dynasty, landed in 1688.

Moor soil offers clue

Police resume their search of Saddleworth Moor in Greater Manchester today for the bodies of two young people thought buried there 22 years ago by Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

Soil samples from four locations in which eight body detection dogs showed special interest when the search began last Thursday are being analysed. Four search sites have been roped off after being pinpointed by Hindley as the most likely areas in which Keith Bennett, aged 12, and Pauline Reade, aged 16, will be found.

£2.75m to tighten housing security

Drive to cut council estate crime

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

A £2.75 million programme to tighten security on 12 crime-ridden urban council estates will be announced today by Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing.

The programme is designed to protect tenants by putting obstacles in the way of would-be thieves and assailants and to step up the drive against homelessness by upgrading hard-to-let flats.

At present, people would prefer to go on a council housing waiting list than take one of 115,000 empty properties on run-down, vandalized estates.

Ministers believe that such accommodation can be made more desirable by redesigning it to repel invaders.

Measures such as entry phones, new doors and locks and improved lighting will be carried out on four estates in London — at Brent, Lewisham, Southwark and Wandsworth.

Other target areas include estates in Derby, Leicester, Sheffield, South Tyneside, Gateshead and Langbaurgh in Cleveland.

The work of "hardening" the estates will be supervised by the Urban Housing Renewal Unit in conjunction with local authorities. The unit's budget for next year from the Department of Environment has recently been increased from £50 million to £75 million.

About £227,000 will be spent on 400 homes in four 11-storey tower blocks on the Silwood estate in Lewisham. The money will be spent on video entry phones, new locks on doors and windows and better lighting. Entry lobbies will also be redesigned and special screens will be fitted to balconies to stop intruders absailing down buildings to gain entry.

On one low-rise block on the Gaywood estate in Southwark, doors operated by an entry card system will be fitted to ground-floor garages. Doors and lighting will also be upgraded.

To date, the unit has spent £39 million on refurbishing run-down council property and giving tenants a voice in estate management, but only a small proportion has gone on crime prevention measures.

● The Government is to crack down on the building of large new estates in the countryside and on the edges of towns, mainly in the south of England (Sheila Gunn writes).

A new planning circular is expected to be drawn up by the Department of Environment, backing local councils which attempt to block controversial new estates. It is likely to emphasize the Government's aim of enticing developers to make use of derelict inner cities, rather than "green field sites".

This has been welcomed by a group of Conservative backbenchers, who have been campaigning for tighter controls.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a letter to Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch: "Our commitment to the Green Belt and to other well-established policies for the conservation of the countryside remains firm".

Inquiry is ordered on bailing by courts

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Government has ordered a study into the way courts grant bail after what it regards as an alarming rise in the number of remand prisoners exacerbating the accommodation crisis in jails.

Figures published last week in the Home Office's criminal statistics for England and Wales show wide regional variations in custody rates.

Last year 9,700 prisoners, or about 20 per cent of the total, were on remand, mainly untried. Since 1978 the prison population has risen by about 4,500, of which about 4,000 were in the "untried" population.

Remand prisoners also put a disproportionate strain on the system. They are accorded special privileges, including the right to wear their own clothes and to receive regular visitors.

Because their cases are "live" they are regularly visited by solicitors, and have to be accompanied on trips to and from the courts.

Although the Government cannot interfere with the powers of the courts to remand people in custody or on bail, the Home Office has sent circulars to magistrates emphasizing the alternatives to remanding in custody, such as bail and remanding for special social reports.

But ministers believe that the spirit of the Bail Act, which establishes the presupposition that defendants will get bail unless there is good reason for them not to, is not being observed by some magistrates.

In a recent report the Prison Reform Trust referred to the "bail lottery", suggesting that whether bail was granted depended on where the case took place.

Ministers have asked the research and planning unit of the Home Office to carry out an inquiry on the variations between chosen areas to see whether they are justified.

Ministers could issue tougher guidance to the courts if they are unhappy with the inquiry.

A canoeist fighting the swollen waters of the River Exe in Devon yesterday after heavy rain turned the usually calm waters into swirling rapids.
Many of the 500 competitors in the 18-mile Exe Descent race from Tiverton to Exeter were forced to retire.
At least two people were taken to hospital with minor injuries and equipment worth hundreds of pounds was damaged.

'Syllabus reform' to curb leftists

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

A radical plan to impose a national curriculum on Britain's schools is being drawn up by a group of right-wing ministers and backbenchers for inclusion in the Conservative Party manifesto for the next election.

The move is part of the gathering Conservative assault on local authority control over education. It is intended to curtail drastically the powers of councillors to influence the shape and content of lessons.

It is particularly aimed at left-wing councils intent on promoting a progressive approach to matters such as sex education, nuclear weapons and political education in the classroom at the expense of traditional subjects.

The group behind the plan believes that on present trends many inner city Labour councils will become "ungovernable".

The plan for a curriculum determined by the Department of Education and Science, covering about 85 per cent of the timetable and spelling out both the relative balance between subjects and their content, is closely related to other moves recently disclosed in *The Times*:

● A transfer of control over school budgets from local education authorities to newly constituted boards of governors.

● The break-up of big councils, especially the London boroughs, into smaller, more manageable units with little more than "parish pump" responsibilities.

The changes are being fed to the so-called A team of senior Cabinet ministers drafting the manifesto.

Ministers pressing for the changes believe that by breaking local authority control over schools they can create an education system that both relieves parental anxieties about academic and disciplinary standards and responds to their wishes about how sensitive matters should be dealt with in the classroom.

They recognize that their proposals will also weaken the powers of shire councils, but believe they have no option.

Of the three interlocking proposals being canvassed only one, the plan for budgetary autonomy, stems directly from the manifesto working group on education, chaired by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

But the other two are likely to be greeted with favour by the Prime Minister.

A paper produced by the group envisages the setting up of a 20-member national curriculum council made up of local authority representatives to advise the Secretary of State.

● Teachers should not regard a system of performance assessment as a weapon to be used against them, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, told a conference in London yesterday (Our Education Reporter writes).

Appraisal was not a weapon for weeding out the incompetent, but a chance for every teacher to reflect on how he or she could improve performance in the classroom, she said.

Architects in power struggle

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The bitter struggle for leadership of 27,000 members of the Royal Institute of British Architects comes to a head tonight when the official presidential candidate, Mr Raymond Andrews, meets his challenger, Mr Rod Hackney, in a public debate in London.

Although many members outside the capital see its role either as a London club for partners in private practice or, at best, an expensive irrelevance, more than 10,000 are expected to cast their vote by the time polling closes next week. The result will be announced on December 10.

Apathy has been cast aside as each candidate has lobbied hard on conflicting policies: Mr Andrews is committed to preserving the status quo with minor reforms, and Mr Hackney is provocatively promising to rock the boat on a radical ticket which could see the departure of the institute secretary, Mr Patrick Harrison.

Mr Andrews's manifesto includes setting up regional practice bureaux.

He organized the institute's Festival of Architecture in 1984, celebrating its 150th anniversary. The event is perhaps best remembered for the Prince of Wales' controversial speech about "carbuncles" and "stumps".

Mr Hackney is a community architect, as well as a successful developer and house-builder, and one of the architectural advisers to the prince.

He is campaigning on reform of the construction industry lobby, the Group of Eight, more schools of architecture, a stronger regional and branch structure and long-term reform.

Mr Richard Rogers, last year's Royal Gold medalist for architecture, Mr Michael Manser, immediate past-president of the institute, Mr Colin Stansfield Smith, Hampshire county architect, and Mr Fred Roche, of consultants Conran Roche back Mr Andrews.

Mr Hackney's supporters include Sir Hugh Casson, Mr Cedric Price, Mr Keith Scott, chairman of the country's largest multi-disciplinary practice, BDP, and his running-mate, Mr David Rock, banned from attending meetings of the institute's policy committee over his support for the unofficial candidate.

Tenders for collecting refuse 'may save £80m'

By Kenneth Gosling

Competitive tendering for refuse collection services by local authorities in England and Wales could lead to potential savings as high as £80 million a year, according to a new survey published in the November issue of *Fiscal Studies*.

It claims that the scope for generating savings in costs, without loss in the quality of service to householders, is enormous.

The researchers — Simon Domberger, of the London Business School, and Shirley Meadowcroft and David Thompson, of the Institute for Fiscal Studies — say competitive tendering has already reduced costs by an average of 22 per cent in the case of 38 out of more than 400 authorities which use this system.

Their findings are based on a detailed econometric investigation of waste collection statistics for England and Wales in 1983-84 and 1984-85. They say these have important implications for the controversial proposals to extend competitive tendering announced recently in the Queen's Speech.

SDLP leader calls for talks

Mr John Hume, the leader of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party, has challenged Unionist politicians to start talks with his party "on an equal footing", to reach a political settlement in the province within the context of the Anglo-Irish accord.

Britain had now declared itself neutral on the question of Irish unity, Mr Hume, who is MP for Foile, said in his address to the party's annual conference at Newcastle, co Down.

He described that as a significant advance. The Government had declared that Irish unity was solely a matter for those wanting it to persuade those who did not.

Of all the critics of the Hillsborough Agreement, only the Unionists had recognized its true significance: that they had lost their unconditional veto, something that had not served them or the people of Northern Ireland well, Mr Hume said.

Renewing his repeated appeals to the Unionists to enter talks he said: "The question now is whether they have the self-confidence to face the rest of us on an equal footing".

The Anglo-Irish agreement provided the framework for such talks and slogans such as "Not an inch" and "No surrender" had not brought any closer the peace for which Unionists yearned.

Warning by MP to tunnel investors

Critics of the proposed Channel tunnel are planning to warn the public that an investment in the project will produce "an uncertain and much delayed return".

The Commons Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel, which sat for 34 days, is due to publish its report in the next week or so.

Then the Bill, given a second reading before MPs rose for the summer recess, will be sent to a Commons committee for scrutiny.

According to government officials there is no reason yet to revise the timetable, which proposes that the Bill should be on the statute book by the middle of next year.

But Mr Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East, said yesterday: "The test for the Channel tunnel may well come in the summer. There is to be a share issue amounting to several hundred millions of pounds.

"It should not be forgotten that the Government has resisted a public inquiry.

"The big financial institutions have already shown their reluctance to put in money. For the ordinary shareholder the return will be uncertain and delayed. There is unlikely to be any profit in less than seven years."

Ridley to answer fire report

By Robin Young

Mr Nicholas Ridley will respond this week to Sir John Garlick's highly critical report on the fire at Hampton Court Palace last March, in which the cartoon gallery and part of Sir Christopher Wren's south wing of the Fountain Court were destroyed.

The Department of the Environment denied reports yesterday that the Secretary of State had decided that its management should be transferred to private enterprise.

The Garlick report failed to pinpoint the cause of the fire, in which Lady Gale died, but dismissed reports that it had been started in the cartoon gallery to destroy evidence in forthcoming trials for alleged corruption in building contracts.

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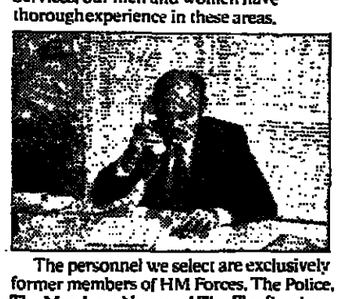

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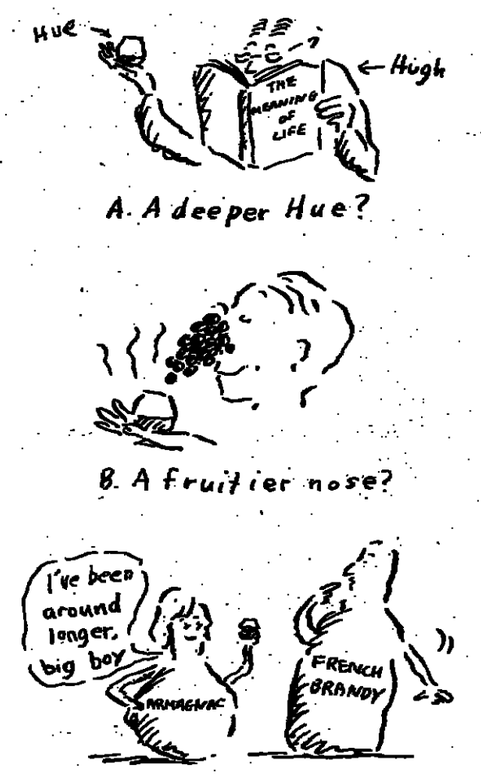

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Doctor shortage forces hospitals to pay high rates for locums

By Jill Sherman

Health authorities are being forced to pay huge sums to private locum agencies providing temporary medical cover as more doctors opt for high private rates.

Hospitals are paying up to three times the amount they would pay for doctors under the National Health Service system and the charges are spiralling. One health authority said that agency fees had completely wiped out all the savings it had made through putting other services out to tender.

Mr Phillip Hamblin, deputy unit administrator at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, said: "It is a seller's market. The agencies know that we can't find any locums so they can charge what they like."

The National Association of Health Authorities (Naha) has now asked the Department of Health and Social Security to impose fixed rates to stop agencies further pushing up charges, now between £9 and £12 an hour.

That would be backed up by a register so that the NHS could only use agencies operating the set rates.

A recent Naha survey showed that 56 out of 88 health authorities used private agencies at a cost of up to £250,000 a year.

Until now most health authorities have been able to recruit locums – doctors who work for temporary periods to fill in for holidays or sickness or where a post cannot be filled – by advertising locally or through the *British Medical Journal*.

But now doctors, attracted by earnings of at least twice the NHS rate and travel expenses, are registering with agencies.

Some doctors are setting up their own agencies to reap the agency fee. "Locum agencies are being set up by a doctor who is the only doctor on the agency's books," Mr Brian Aisbitt, district general manager at South Tyneside Health Authority, said.

Last financial year South Tyneside spent £40,000 on locums. This year the district has already spent £72,000.

Over the past three months West Hill Hospital has advertised for 15 locums for different specialities, at mainly senior house officer grades.

Ten advertisements attracted no applicants at all.

The hospital is now paying £719 per week for each senior house officer/locum through a local agency, instead of £292 a week.

Mr Hamblin said that some doctors he approached said they would only take the job if they were hired through an agency.

The dearth of locums has been exacerbated by a shortage of junior doctors, many of whom now opt for general practice, reductions in junior doctors' hours and new regulations applying to overseas doctors which limit them to a four-year study period in this country.

One regional health authority, using a number of private agencies, is paying 141 per cent more for a senior house officer on a special rota.

For a 104-hour week the authority pays £1,045 per locum on average, instead of £433 under the NHS.

The doctor gets £10 instead of £4 an hour, roughly 80 per cent of the agency fee. Weekend work is even more expensive, with the authority paying 211 per cent over the odds.

For working from 5pm on Friday to 9am on Monday, a consultant can earn £724, when he would only get £291 through the NHS. The region has to pay out £906 for his services.

The health authorities, in trying to make efficiency savings and avoid cuts in patient services, are trying to get round the problem in various way.

Trent Regional Health Authority has set up its own computerized locum bank, partly to save money and partly to ensure some kind of quality control.

Instead of having to apply for advertisements in the *British Medical Journal* doctors can register with the bank after going through a rigorous vetting procedure.

"Vetting is a very important part of the exercise. With a private agency you never know who is going to turn up. We reject 10% of those that are supplied," Mr Roger Arkill, the regional manpower planning officer said.

Goose patrol guards Christmas trees

Geese watching over Mr Geoff Field's 10,000 fir trees yesterday at Lamberhurst, Kent (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

ITV pours £20m into line-up for Christmas

Independent Television is putting nearly £20 million into a line-up of festive spectaculars and top feature films to win the battle for Christmas viewers.

Torvill and Dean, the ice skaters, head the line-up with the world premiere of their most ambitious project to date, the multi-million pound Fire and Ice.

Bob Geldof and a host of pop stars will be rocking around the Rock in a concert on board HMS Ark Royal moored off Gibraltar and Jim Davidson, the comedian, will also be with the forces, in West Germany entertaining the Army.

Feature films over Christmas include Sean Connery's return as James Bond in *Never Say Never Again; Trading Places*, with Eddie Murphy and Jamie Lee Curtis; *Flashdance* starring Jennifer Beals; *Best Friends* with Goldie Hawn and Burt Reynolds; *Airplane II*; and Superman actor Christopher Reeve in *Monsignour*.

Many of Britain's leading performers will appear in a specially produced variety show, *Night of 100 Stars*, in aid of Help the Aged.

Stars with their own shows during the two-week Christmas season include Chas and Dave, Cilla Black, Jimmy Tarbuck, Bobby Davro, Mike Yarwood, Billy Connolly, Bruce Forsyth and Des O'Connor.

There will be special editions of popular situation comedies such as *Duty Free*, and of top quiz shows.

Cheryl Baker, the Bucks Fizz singer, plays the title role in a 90-minute production of *Cinderella*, with Danny La Rue as the stepmother and Brian Murphy and Roy Hudd as the Ugly Sisters.

Drama offerings will include *The Challenge* with Tim Pigott-Smith, and John Wood starring in a dramatic mini-series reliving the 1983 America's Cup yachting contest.

Delinquency research

More jobs 'may cut crime'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Young people are more likely to commit crime when they are out of work, according to a research study.

An investigation of crime and delinquency among more than 400 males which began when they were aged eight and continues now they are 31-32 has delved into their pasts to see the effect of unemployment.

A fall in youth unemployment "might have benefits in reducing crime," researchers from the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University say.

Crime rates were higher during periods of unemployment than of employment, according to their article in *The British Journal of Criminology*.

That was particularly true for offences involving material gain, at the younger ages (15-16), for the most delinquent-prone youths, and for youths with lower status jobs. But there was little difference between crime rates just before leaving school and just afterwards in full-time employment.

Joblessness did not seem to cause basically law-abiding youths to commit crimes.

"The relation with crime was greatest for those who were the most predisposed towards offending."

The study has developed a method of predicting criminality at the age of 10. Seven factors are involved: three are measures of bad behaviour; others are social handicap (including low income, poor housing and big families); poor parental child-rearing (including cruelty or neglect, erratic discipline and parental conflict); low verbal intelligence; and convicted parents.

Unemployment associated with a history of lower status jobs was related to a high offending rate, unlike unemployment among people with higher status work.

Surprisingly, the offending rate was lower during unemployment caused by dismissal than during unemployment caused by other reasons, but the difference was not significant.

At the time they were first contacted the boys were all living in a working class area of London. The study on unemployment investigated the official crime rates of the boys between their fourteenth birthday and an interview at 18 years seven months, according to whether they were at school, in full-time employment, or unemployed.

The Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development began in 1962 and has included tests and interviews with the subjects by psychologists and social science graduates at various intervals over the years.

Portfolio Gold

Cash to go on gifts and a meal

Three readers share the weekly Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000.

Mrs Joyce James, aged 55, from Chippenham, in Wiltshire, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

Her reaction to the win: "It is unbelievable".

When asked how she intended spending her share of the prizemoney, Mrs James said: "I'll buy some Christmas presents and save what is left over until I decide what to do with it".

Mr Jonathan Lawes, aged 50, an accountant from Ealing, west London, disclosed that he will share his prize money with "nine or 10" colleagues who had been playing the Portfolio Gold game with him.

He said the group will probably "have a good meal together" and share what was left over.

The other winner is Mrs A M Abbott, from Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

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Grand Bard 'was ousted over views'

The former Grand Bard of the Cornish Order of Bards is demanding a public inquiry into the circumstances leading to his resignation, claiming he was the victim of a "kangaroo court".

Mr Hugh Miners, aged 72, of Carnyorth, near Land's End, says he fell foul of the order's ruling body over recruitment and its policy on the role bards should play in public life.

Miss Frances Hosier, a member of the Bardic council, refused to comment

Man accused of abduction

A man accused of abducting at knifepoint a mother aged 34 and her two sons, aged three and 11, will appear before magistrates in Lowestoft, Suffolk, today charged with abduction and robbery.

The woman, who has not been named, alleges that she and her children were taken from Lowestoft to London.

National credit register closer

By Michael Dynes

Britain's financial institutions are moving towards the establishment of a national register which will eventually record all personal credit transactions and monitor the progress of existing financial commitments.

The register would enable all subscribing financial institutions to check a prospective borrower's credit profile before granting any additional loans or credit.

Advocates of the scheme say that the register would minimise the risks all creditors face in making bad loans and reduce borrowers' ability to over-extend themselves, a problem recently highlighted in *The Times* Homefront series.

At present there are two credit reference agencies, the United Association for the Protection of Trade and Consumer Credit Nottingham, which supply details on prospective borrowers to subscribers.

Information is obtained from the county courts, the bankruptcy register and from financial records of subscribing credit companies.

Subscribers include most of the leading finance houses, in-store retail credit cards and mail order catalogues.

But the register is only partially effective because a number of large creditors, including the main banks and their credit subsidiaries, Access and Visa, have been reluctant to supply the credit agencies with information on their customers for fear of jeopardising the confidentiality of the traditonal customer-bank relationship.

But as a result of pressure from the Office of Fair Trading the banks have agreed in principle to supply information on customer defaults and are negotiating how that will be provided.

Some building societies have also expressed interest in participating in the credit reference system.

While most creditors seem to be reconciled towards the establishment of a national credit register, civil liberties groups and consumer advice organizations have expressed reservations about the form such a system may eventually take.

Mr Philip Cook, Marketing Manager of the trade protection association however, said that such anxieties are misplaced.

"The credit industry is frequently criticized for granting credit unwisely, and regarded with suspicion when it seeks information on borrowers' existing commitments," he said.

"But if society wishes to use credit extensively, it has to be prepared for this kind of information to be held on a national basis."

The Office of Fair Trading endorsed that view by pointing to the benefits a national register could offer creditors eager to avoid making unwise loans, and borrowers who would benefit from an institutional constraint on their propensity to over-extend themselves.

It added: "There is no doubt that we will get a national credit register in the end, though we will be many years behind other countries".

Schools to get facts on Aids

The Government is taking urgent action to ensure that school teachers give pupils all the facts on the dangers of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids).

It wants to expand Aids teaching techniques by "getting every available fact about the virus into the hands of teachers" so they can satisfactorily answer children's questions.

The Department of Education and Science said yesterday that the Government was considering commissioning an independent body to prepare detailed guidance material for the project.

At present teachers use a booklet, *Children at School and Problems related to Aids*, circulated by the department in June. The new detailed material will be compiled in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Security.

All secondary schools will take part. The Government may also extend the project to middle schools to reach younger children

The project will complement the Government's £20 million warning campaign which begins today. The Department of Education said: "We are looking at the best way of playing a part in the general Aids campaign.

There have already been 565 cases of Aids in Britain and 384 deaths. It is estimated that at least another 30,000 people are carriers.

The Government campaign will be extended to the shop floor this week with an appeal to workers to adopt a sympathetic approach to colleagues who may be Aids victims.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, will launch the Aids workplace campaign today to coincide with the publication of an advice booklet

The Department of Employment and the Health and Safety Executive have drawn up guidelines on industrial relations problems which could arise from the disease.

The leaflet informs workers that people dismissed because they are Aids carriers or suspected of carrying the disease will be able to appeal to an industrial tribunal.

A free-phone advice campaign combining the resources of BBC Radio 1 and Aids counselling organizations was announced at the weekend.

Back in trim

A Merlin engine from a Hurricane which crashed at King's Lynn, Norfolk, 46 years ago has been restored by the Fenland Aircraft Preservation Society after it was found buried in an orchard.

Channel 4 decision due soon

The directors of Channel 4 will meet on Tuesday to discuss the channel's future (Our Media Correspondent writes).

The meeting comes amid indications that the Government would like to see the network split away from the control of the independent television system.

No decisions are likely to be taken by the 16-member Channel 4 board, which is deeply divided over a proposal that the channel be turned into a full competitor to the existing ITV companies.

It is thought that the directors' decision will not be the final one. Mr David Shaw, head of the Independent Television Companies Association, said that the future of the channel would be decided ultimately by the Government.

In 1985, the expense of running Channel 4 exceeded revenue by £17 million. A recent report concluded that it was now on the brink of profitability.

Parents seek rights in Strasbourg

The Government is to be challenged at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg tomorrow by five parents who claim their rights were violated by the laws under which children are taken into care (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

The cases have already been before the European Commission of Human Rights which, in its confidential report, found breaches of various articles of the European Convention on human rights in all five.

The cases concern the right of parents to have access to their children in local authority care and their right to challenge local authorities' refusal to grant access, if necessary, through the courts.

In all the cases, which come from Essex, Birmingham, London, Gloucestershire, and Liverpool, the parents were denied access to their children when they wanted it.

They were unable to challenge those decisions through the courts in breach of Article Six of the European Convention, which guarantees a right of access to a court to determine civil rights.

Wine labels may have to list all ingredients

By Robin Young

Wine labels may eventually have to detail a list of a bottle's ingredients if a report by the European Parliament's environment committee is adopted by the EEC in Brussels.

At present the EEC allows a wide range of additives and other substances to be used in wines, including sulphur as a preservative, cultured yeasts to control fermentation, chemicals to feed yeasts, tartrates to precipitate acids, tannin to preserve red wine, copper sulphate to reduce sulphides and carbon dioxide to provide bubbles.

In southern European wines it is permitted to add tartaric and citric acids to improve acidity, while in England and most of Germany wine producers can use alkalis such as chalk to reduce acidity.

Sulphur dioxide, a common preservative in white wine, can worsen the condition of asthmatics and pose some health risk, while diabetics are affected by the amounts of residual sugar in wines which can be considerable even when they are "dry".

Hitherto the EEC has refused to change wine labelling regulations beyond introducing a statutory indication of the alcoholic content. Wine scandals in Austria and Germany last year and Italy this year involved illegal additives (diethylene glycol and methanol respectively) which would not have been declared on the labels by those selling the wines.

Drug detectives start course on cash

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Two dozen detectives from drug squads across Britain will today will today start a course in investigative accountancy and receivership in preparation for the new Act allowing confiscation of drug traffickers' assets.

For the next two weeks the detectives will be taught how to trace and freeze assets by speakers expected to include one of the National Union of Mineworkers sequestrators.

The course at the Metropolitan Police training centre in Hendon, north London, will be the first of several to be held over the next few months.

The detectives are attending the course to prepare for the full implementation of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act in the new year.

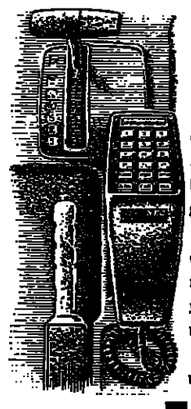
A similar course for their counterparts in the customs investigation branch is also under way this week. A unit of 15 has already been trained.

The Act allows for the seizure and freezing of assets when arrests of traffickers or dealers are made.

Although the Act is aimed at big criminals it could be applied to all dealers. Last year 4,900 offenders were cautioned or convicted for dealing.

Both the police and senior customs officials ackowledge that the new Act is going to mean that the special asset tracking teams will have to work alongside the normal investigating teams from the start of an operation.

By the time the customs officers have completed their training and all units are in place they should have about 45 officers available.



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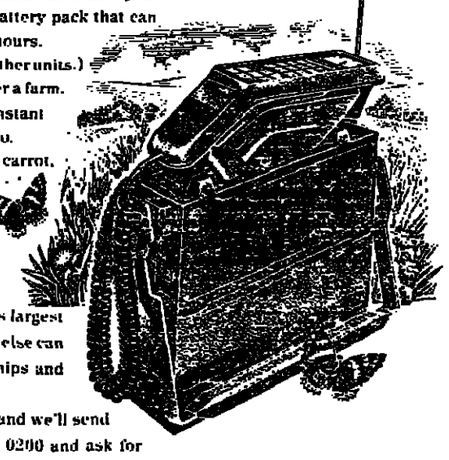

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'Band Aid' for inner cities to be announced by Prince

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Prince of Wales will announce a "Band Aid for the inner cities" on Thursday, taking his involvement with Britain's housing problems a step further.

The Prince hopes his initiative will help unemployed and badly housed people in the inner city in the same way that Bob Geldof's campaign has helped the starving in Africa.

A group called the Inner City Trust is being formed at the Prince's instigation to help community groups carry out building, youth and employment projects.

The Prince will be patron of the trust. Trustees include Lord Scarman, author of the report on the Brixton riots, Evelyn de Rothschild, merchant banker, and Sir Frank Layfield, QC, who recently conducted the Sizewell nuclear power station inquiry.

The Prince is to launch his venture in London at a conference, "Building Communities", the first international conference on community architecture, planning and design.

He will also announce the second year of the Community Enterprise Scheme, of which he is patron, sponsored by *The Times* and the Royal Institute of British Architects, and funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

The fund-raising arm of the trust is to be called Inner City Aid, and because the Prince cannot be directly involved in raising money, a Geldof-type figure is being sought to lead the campaign.

Several Band Aid staff are already helping, and campaign events will probably include a Wembley pop concert attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children.

One of the trust's first moves will be to ask commerce and industry to provide places in companies to train community entrepreneurs — people with skills in the fields of financing and grant aid, construction or job creation.

They will then either go back to their own communities or act as roving experts throughout the country.

There is no specific funds target for the trust, but it is thinking in terms of hundred of millions of pounds. Mr Rod Hackney, the community architect and one of the Prince's advisers, said yesterday that the aim was to be the Band Aid for Britain.

"It is as big as that because we need to be that ambitious. Our inner cities are festering because they are in a transition period between local authorities doing most of the work and the emphasis on free enterprise encouraged by the present government."

Mr Hackney said that inner cities were not very attractive for private investment, but that with a little risk they could provide huge returns. "The best way of guaranteeing that return is to involve and enthuse local residents to care for their environment.

"They must be involved in the design of local housing, there must be self-building, and they must be encouraged to maintain and look after their environment."

The trust's task would be to provide an injection of capital and expertise to act as a catalyst for private investment. "That will lead to self-generating investment, which could follow in 18 months to two years. The key to success is to create long-term employment in these areas."

The trust will also encourage projects which bring the public and private sector together with the voluntary movement and community groups, the third force in the regeneration of decaying urban areas.

It may also consider pushing for legislation to ease the tax laws which prevent big companies giving money to charity.

The first year of the Community Enterprise Scheme highlighted the work of voluntary groups and community architects in running down inner city areas of Britain.

Of nearly 200 entries the Derry Inter City Project, Londonderry, won the Charles Douglas-Home award for the most outstanding scheme.

Since 1981, eight derelict buildings have been rebuilt and work is under way on another seven. About 500 people are employed or in training to create facilities for young people including craft workshops, libraries, and tourist attractions.

Another Community Enterprise Scheme winner was the Zenzele Self-Build Housing Association plan under which unemployed people built 12 one-bedroomed flats with a communal laundry and garden, for a total cost of £144,000 including land and professional fees.

As a result, 11 of the 12 association members have now found full-time employment and four have formed their own building company.

In a third scheme, the Calvay Cooperative at Barlanark, Glasgow, with funding from the Scottish Housing Corporation, has been involved in refurbishing 336 flats in the four-storey tenement blocks of the housing estate at a cost of about £5 million.

Mr Brian Miles, aged 18, a runner-up in the 1986 Dista Awards for Young Arthritics, with a self-portrait.

Mr Miles, from east London, who is a student at Loughton Art College, has also had a kidney transplant and his left leg amputated, but enjoys swimming, weight-training and airgun-shooting. He has passed three O levels, an A level, and his driving test, and says that his greatest wish is to become an honorary Royal Marine.

The awards are to be presented tomorrow.

(Photograph: Ros Drinkwater)

Guernsey 'outside jurisdiction for right to home'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government has made a last-minute attempt to avoid an embarrassing ruling against it today at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg in a case brought by a Guernsey couple who were fined for living in their own home.

Mr Gerald Gillow, aged 70, and his wife, Yvonne, are claiming that the Guernsey housing law is really a "surrogate immigration law" to control the number of people coming to live on the island.

The couple's claim that their rights have been violated in respect of property and family life have been upheld by the European Commission of Human Rights, and the court usually endorses its findings.

But in a late submission to the court, the Government is now contesting one of the couple's two main claims on the ground that the relevant Protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights does not apply to Guernsey.

The Gillows moved to the island in 1956 when Mr Gillow took up a job there. They bought a plot of land and built their own house.

They left in 1960 when Mr Gillow took up a new post with the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the house was let.

While they were away, changes were made in the housing laws which brought in a new condition of the residents' qualifications: a person had to be resident in Guernsey on July 31, 1968, to qualify to live there.

In 1978 the Gillows wrote to the housing authority saying they proposed to return, and were told they could not do so. A licence to occupy the house was refused because of the "adverse housing situation" at that time.

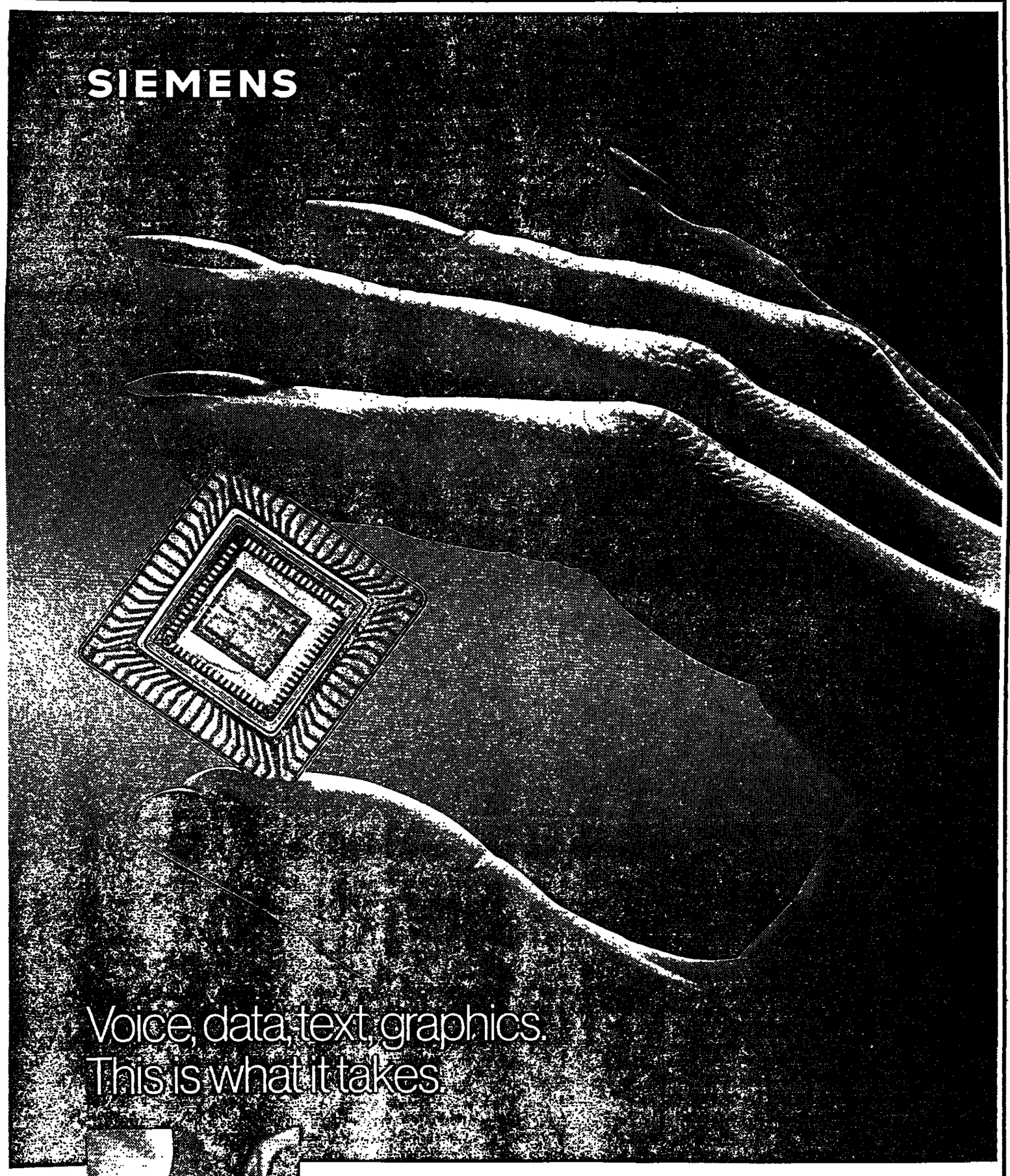
The couple moved back into their home and were fined and told they could reside in Guernsey for 90 days only in any year. Their appeals were dismissed.

The Gillows felt obliged to sell their house in 1980 and decided to take their case to Strasbourg to seek either restoration of residents' rights or compensation.

They maintain that the housing law is discriminatory in that it does not stop wealthy people coming to the island.

They also claim that the law is invalid as Guernsey is debarred from legislating on immigration and nationality matters.

"We say that Guernsey is not independent, is not a country, and has no right to prevent Britons from going to reside there," Mr Gillow says.



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Sale room

Prices of prints at new record

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's five-session print sale in New York at the end of last week demonstrated that the money which is driving modern pictures to unheard of price levels this autumn is also chasing print prices higher. Art is enjoying a boom, particularly in America.

In the wake of a multi-million record for a Jasper Johns painting, a set of his lithographs, comprising 10 numerals from 0 to 9, printed in colours in 1968-69 soared to $154,000 (estimate $55-70,000) or £107,692 the highest price paid in a sale of contemporary prints.

Other artists of the popular post-war American generation were also recording high prices. Andy Warhol's "Marilyn", a set of 10 silkscreens of 1967, secured $33,000 (estimate $30-40,000) or £23,076. Robert Motherwell's "A la pintura" portfolio of 1968-72 illustrating poems by Rafael Alberti brought $31,900 (estimate $25-30,000) or £22,307 and Frank Stella's engraving "Estoril Five II" of 1982 made $30,800 (estimate $18-22,000), or £21,538.

The print sale totalled £3,763,038 with only 6 per cent left unsold. The modern "Old Masters", such as Matisse and Picasso, were sharing the boom. The top prices among the earlier prints was $101,750 (estimate $75-85,000) or £71,104 for a Matisse lithographic of 1925, a splendid image of a nude entitled "Nue au coussin bleu a cote d'une cheminee".

The top priced Picasso prints included an impression of his famous 1904 etching, "Le repas frugal", at $93,500 (estimate $50-60,000) or £65,384 and $79,750 (estimate $45-55,000) or £55,769 for his garishly coloured linoleum cut of 1962, "Buste de Femme au Chapeau". Chagall got in on the act with his colour lithographs, "The Ride" of 1970 at $35,200 (estimate $18-22,000) or £24,598, selling to a Japanese dealer.

Maxwell to sue Smiths

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, proprietor of Mirror Group Newspapers, is to press ahead with legal action against W H Smith, the country's largest newsagents, for distributing libellous editions of the magazine *Private Eye*.

The company's chairman, Mr Simon Hornby, said at the weekend that he rejected Mr Maxwell's demand that it cease distribution of the publication.

Mr Maxwell's case against the newsagents follows his High Court victory against *Private Eye*, in which he was awarded damages and costs for the magazine's suggestions that he had tried to buy a peerage by financing trips made by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mr Maxwell said his victory means that distributors of *Private Eye* will know the risks of continuing to sell the magazine, which he said had been proven to show a reckless disregard for truth.

Intrusion by paper dangerous

By Robin Young

The Mail on Sunday was censured by the Press Council yesterday for "a particularly unwarranted intrusion" into a mental hospital where a double killer was a patient. The conduct of the newspaper's journalists was described as "inexcusable and dangerous".

Redbridge Health Authority complained that journalists entered Goodmayes Hospital, Essex, by subterfuge. Mr David O'Neill, the cameraman, had bruised the arm of a nurse when leaving in haste, and his photograph of Dennis Foskett, the double killer, getting a cup of tea in a kitchen had been published without permission.

The authority's district general manager complained that Mr O'Neill and Mr Richard Holliday, the reporter, had claimed they were friends of Foskett.

Mr Graham Mulley, former managing editor of *The Mail on Sunday*, said that it had been in the public interest to establish Foskett's whereabouts, and important to show that he was living in a place with a low level of security.

The Press Council adjudication said that there had been no need to use subterfuge to establish the wherabouts of the patient. The health authority had already announced where he was. The photographer had agreed that he took pictures of the patient because he recognized him from a picture the paper already held.

A further complaint was upheld against *The Mail on Sunday*'s magazine section, *You*, for an "irresponsible" cartoon which suggested that children should splash lighter fuel on a barbecue and then toss in a lighted match.

Mr Frank Heather, managing editor, admitted that with hindsight proper consideration had not been given to the possibility that the cartoon could be read seriously.

In a third adjudication the Press Council upheld a complaint against *The Sun* by the Labour group of Manchester City Council. An offer to print individual disclaimers from members of the group described in an article as Militant Tendency supporters was an insufficient remedy, the council said.

A further complaint about the use of the description "loony lefties" was rejected on the grounds that the phrase was imprecise and clearly subjective.

Order won for palace bunker

Mr Dan Dunton, a painter, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, has won an order to decorate 12 stretched-fabric ceilings for King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The ceilings, which have ornate borders, are to be used in the nuclear bunker.

Libel writ

Sir David Rowe-Ham, Lord Mayor of London, is suing Mail Newspapers for libel over a *Daily Mail* gossip column story about his entry in *Who's Who*.

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Christmas shopping: 1

More additive-free food and wholemeal flour in traditional festive fare

*Christmas spending this year is set to exceed all records. In the first of two articles, **Robin Young** examines what will be different about this year's groaning festive board.*

The nation is preparing to spend £16 billion in the last few weeks to Christmas, breaking all known records for self-indulgence.

Credit worth more than £1 billion will be raised, and the volume of sales will be a fifth more, compared with the beginning of the decade.

Conservative estimates are now that the average household spends nearly £375 to the celebration of Christmas. In many houses nearly half that goes on food and drink for the few days of the holiday.

Market analysts are sure that the year long surge in consumer spending is not going to falter before the holiday peak, despite a mild hiccup in October.

The sharp rise in incomes for those who are in employment and the easy availability of credit will keep spending going right through the January sales.

So what is different this Christmas? Well, the mincepies for a start. Many supermarkets, conscious of the concern about food and health, are stocking pies made with wholemeal flour.

Similarly, mincemeat free of all artificial additives is available.

For similar reasons whole ranges of Christmas puddings are suddenly free of artificial colouring, flavours and preservatives, in deference to the discriminating consumers who make a close scrutiny of the E numbers.

At Sainsbury's, among others, the drive against artificial additives extends to the marzipan on the cakes as well.

While the turkey breeders are confident that they will sell more birds than ever before, and a greater proportion of them fresh instead of frozen, the stores are preparing to stock a greater variety of Christmas food.

Goose, mallard, pheasant, partridge and venison will all be easily available to any who tire of turkey.

Britain's resurgent speciality cheesemakers are looking forward to heavy demand for their traditional farmhouse cheeses.

Real cheese is suddenly as fashionable as real ale and real bread.

An increasing number of food shops are importing *foie gras* from France (about £18 a pound), and a novelty offered by Pinney's of Scotland is caviare from China (£59.50 a 250 gram tin). Scottish salmon farmers are confident of their best sales yet.

Further variety is promised by the wider distribution of German speciality Christmas cakes such as Stollen and cinammon-flavoured Liebkuchen.

Almost all the leading supermarket chains are offering more expensive fine wines this year. At Marks and Spencer the vintage selection now runs up to a Chablis Grand Cru at £14.99, while Sainsbury's has added a vintage champagne to its range.

Tomorrow: Santa's pricey grotto.

Mr Ian Craig, who is owed £15,000 for firework displays, at his workshop (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

£15,000 burns to the sound of music

The man whose fireworks thrilled thousands at London open-air concerts during the summer is now wondering how he is going to recover £15,000 which literally went up in smoke after the company hired to promote the concerts went into liquidation (Kenneth Gosling writes).

Mr Ian Craig, the owner of Phoenix Fireworks, of Dartford, Kent, is unpaid in common with the five orchestras owed a total of £70,000 for their performances at the Crystal Palace Concert Bowl.

Bromley Council presented the concerts but sub-contracted the arrangements to Endwood Entertainments, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, which is now in liquidation.

The orchestras — Royal Philharmonic, London Symphony, Bournemouth Symphony, Philharmonia and Wren — are beginning legal proceedings this week against Bromley council.

Mr John Burrows, manager of the Wren Orchestra, said: "We have no alternative but to sue. Bromley decided it did not have legal responsibility even though the concert brochures say 'London Borough of Bromley presents the Sunday symphony series'."

A meeting of Endwood's creditors is taking place at Salisbury on December 3. Mr Craig is contemplating a separate action.

"This year we did 14 concerts altogether and only got paid for the first one," Mr Craig said.

"We put an awful lot of trouble into them with setpieces and individual displays made specially to match the music."

The summer season was a success for orchestras and fireworks, until the discovery about unpaid fees. All the concerts were well attended and there were twice sellout audiences of 10,000 apiece.

Battery hens put Britain in dilemma

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The Government is facing the dilemma of whether to ignore the advice of its animal welfare body, which has condemned the battery cage system of egg production, or to risk a confrontation with EEC countries by agreeing to a ban.

Last week the Farm Animal Welfare Council finally confirmed its view that the battery cage system is unacceptable in its present form.

Its report is being widely distributed to retailers, distributors, consumer organizations, welfare bodies, and research establishments, and could have serious implications for an industry with sales of nearly £800 million a year.

Each of us eats on average nearly 200 eggs a year, of which more than 90 per cent are produced in battery cages. That method of production has been one of the principle targets of animal rights campaigners.

But although only 2 per cent of our eggs are imported, the EEC would consider any unilateral action by Britain to be against community regulations on free tradie.

The council says that, although the cage system meets some of its welfare criteria, the confinement restricts the birds' behaviour.

New M25 link

By-pass will ease east coast traffic

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Chelmsford by-pass in Essex opens today. It will mean that the A12 trunk road, the main route from London to the east coast ports of Felixstowe and Harwich, has dual carriageway from Wanstead in east London to Ipswich.

It will also provide a good quality road link into the M25 from the east, giving a route into the national motorway system.

The nine-mile Chelmsford by-pass will be formally opened by Lord Brabazon of Tara, an Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport. Work on it, which began in July 1984, has been carried out by Cementation Construction.

Major roadworks for the UK — November 24 to December 1:

London and South-east

M11 London: Major roadworks at Redbridge roundabout (A12).
M2 Kent: Lane restrictions between junctions 5 and 7 (Sittingbourne and Faversham). Till end of December.
M20 Kent: Contraflow between junctions 7 and 8 (Maidstone).

M27 Hampshire: Contraflow near Southampton between junctions 2 and 3 (A31 and M271). No westbound exit at junction 2 and no westbound entry at junction 3 from M271.
M40 Oxfordshire: Lane closures eastbound between junctions 5 and 6 (West Wycombe/Princes Risborough). Down to one lane eastbound between junctions 6 and 7 (Princes Risborough and Thame). Entry slip road at junction 7 closed.
M275 Hampshire: between M27 intersection and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth. *Construction of new flyover.*

Midlands

M1 Nottinghamshire: contraflow near junction 28 (A38 Mansfield).
M5 Hereford and Worcester: Contraflow between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove and Droitwich). Various lane closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove and M6).
M50 Hereford and Worcester: Contraflow east of junction 4 (A449 Ross on Wye).
M54 West Midlands: Various lane closures between junctions 2 and 7 (A449 Wolverhampton and A5 Wellington).
M1 South Yorkshire: Repair work between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop and A630 Rotherham). Various slip road closures at junctions 31 and 32 (M18 interchange). Till end of January.
M6 Lancashire: Roadworks at junction 23 (Merseyside). Till end of December. Also contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston and M55 interchange). Till January.
M18 South Yorkshire: Contraflow between junction 1 and 2 (Rotherham and A1(M)). Delays likely. Till late December. Also contraflow between junctions 6 and 7 (Thorne and M62). Southbound exit and northbound entry slip roads closed at junction 6. Delays likely. Till early December.
M53 Lancashire: Closed for repairs between junctions 1 and 2 (Merseyside). Till November 30.
M61 Lancashire: Construction work at M6 interchange. Lane closures both directions. Till December.
M63 Greater Manchester: Major widening at Barton Bridge. Various restrictions between junctions 1 and 7 (M62 and A57) avoid if possible. Till mid-December.
M63 Greater Manchester: Link road from A34 junction 10 to M63 northbound carriageway reduced to single lane only for bridge painting.

Wales and the West

M4 Wiltshire: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon and Cirencester). Till December.
M4 Mid-Glamorgan: Restrictions both directions between junctions 34 and 35 (A4119 Llantrisant and A473 Bridgend).
M5 Gloucestershire: Contraflow at junction 14 (Thornbury). Northbound entry slip road closed. Till mid-December.
M5 Avon and Somerset: Lane closures northbound between junctions 20 and 21 (Clevedon and A370 Weston-super-Mare). Delays at peak times. Till December. Also various restrictions between junctions 22 and 28 (A38 Burnham-on-Sea and A373 Honiton).

Scotland

M8 Glasgow: Construction work between junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dumbarton) till March 1987.
M9 Stirling: Barrier repairs between junctions 9 and 11. Outside lane closed on both carriageways.
M90 Fife: Contraflow between junctions 3 and 4 (Dunfermline and Kelty) and carriageway repairs between junctions 5 and 8 (Glenrothes and A91 Glenfarg).

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Other roadworks, page 20

Wheel clamp 'amnesty' before privatization

Wheel clamping on cars parked illegally in central London has been suspended until next Monday when two private licensed contractors, under the direction of police officers and traffic wardens, take over the work.

The privatization is expected to release 50 police officers for other duties, save hundreds of thousands of pounds, and make it possible to double the number of wheel clampings to 80,000 a year.

The eventual privatization of the physical work of removing illegally parked cars is expected to increase the number of removals fivefold to 40,000.

It is estimated that 350,000 illegal parkings occur in London every day. It has been costing the police an average £54 to remove a vehicle but an owner is charged only £45 to recover it.

Scotland Yard will announce details of its privatized wheel clamping campaign at a press conference on Friday.

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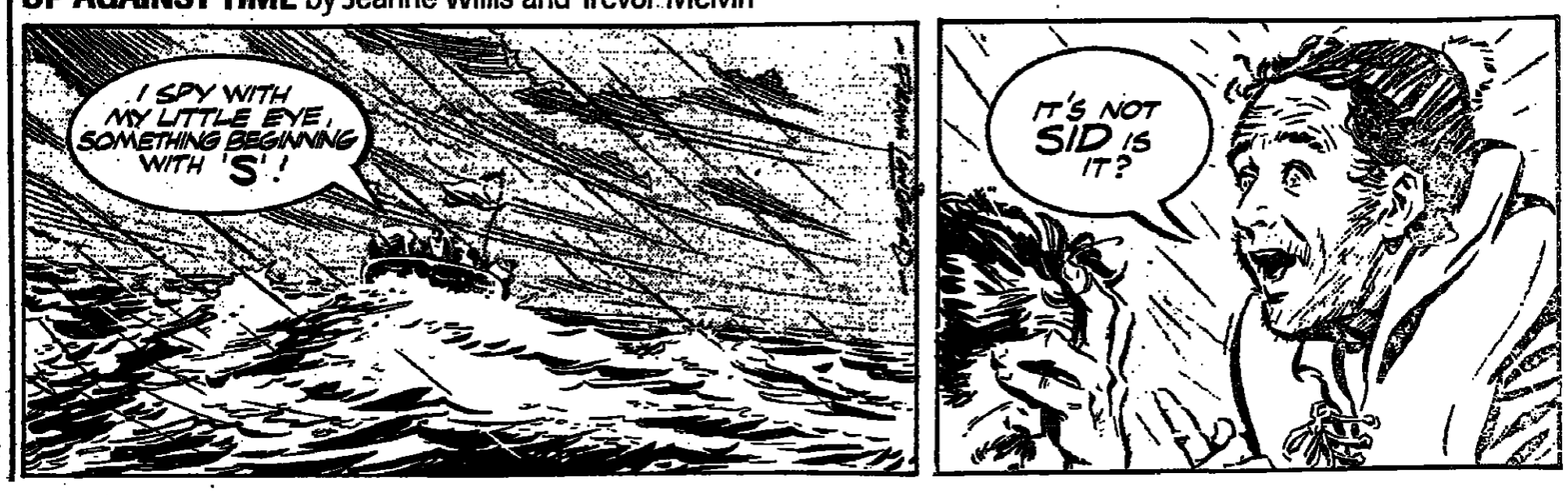

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WORLD SUMMARY

Germany assesses new Rhine spill

Mainz (AP) – More than two tons of herbicide floated down the Rhine yesterday as West German environmental officials scrambled to assess the damage from the latest chemical spill into the already contaminated river.

Waterworks that draw water from the river remained closed in two states and advice issued on Saturday not to let cattle drink from the river or dogs swim in it remained in effect.

North Rhine-Westphalia authorities warned industries and breweries along the Rhine that they should not use water from the river. West German officials discovered on Saturday that a leak into the river on Friday contained more than twice the amount of the herbicide, dichloroacetic acid, than previously thought.

The Rhineland-Palatinate State Environmental Ministry said it appeared the latest spill had had a "considerable effect" on the river's ecology. The leak was the third industrial spill into the Rhine in three weeks.

PLO woman expelled

Stockholm – Sweden has asked the deputy head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Stockholm, Miss Hala Salameh, to leave the country (Christopher Mosey writes).

She is suspected of helping Arab terrorist groups, including the Abu Nidal faction, to use Sweden as a "safe base" for activities in other countries.

However, to the embarrassment of the country's Socialist Government which has good relations with the PLO and its leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, Miss Salameh has denied the charge and is refusing to leave the country until it is withdrawn.

She said yesterday: "It is ludicrous to say I am working for Abu Nidal. I am working for the PLO. How could I think to work for Abu Nidal?" She first agreed to go, but subsequently changed her mind.

Airborne jail break

Rome (AP) – Two gunmen yesterday hijacked a Red Cross helicopter, lifted two inmates from a prison courtyard and flew off in a hail of gunfire, police said. A third prisoner dashed for the helicopter but slipped in the rain.

The helicopter landed in a football field and the occupants fled by car. Officials said that the two hijackers spoke French. One of the prisoners, a Tunisian, was wanted by France for a bank robbery and murder. The other was suspected of supplying arms to Italian terrorists.

Romania votes yes

Bucharest (Reuter) – Romanians voted yesterday in a referendum to endorse unilateral arms cuts and urge similar reductions by Washington and Moscow. Officials estimated an 84 per cent turnout from the 18 million voters, who include 1.5 million teenagers.

Voters were asked to approve 5 per cent cuts, which already have been effectively passed by Parliament.

Western experts in Bucharest believe that the cuts will hardly dent Romanian military strength or that of the Warsaw Pact.

Maori values praised

Wellington – Maori culture contained many of the values which modern society was in danger of losing, the Pope said in New Zealand at the weekend (Richard Long writes).

The Pope, who celebrated open-air Masses in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch before he left for Australia, said that Maori values showed profound reverence for nature and the environment.

Speaking in English and occasionally in Maori during a welcome at the Auckland Domain soon after his arrival from Fiji, the Pope said that modern society was in danger of losing the traditional Maori sense of community, loyalty to family and willingness to share.

US singer honoured

Paris – American singer Ray Charles, right, wearing the insignia of the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters, France's top cultural award, bestowed at the weekend.

M Philipe de Villiers, deputy secretary of State for Culture, who made the presentation, said Charles was "a voice, a destiny, a man of premonition, a monument, a performance and a living art".

Joint reaction to Iran arms deal

Egypt and Jordan warn US

From A Correspondent
Cairo

President Mubarak of Egypt and King Husain of Jordan, both supporters of Iraq in its war with Iran and close American allies, warned the United States yesterday that its credibility in the Arab world was being eroded by its secret arms deal with Iran.

Mr Mubarak said at a joint press conference in Cairo that he was "astonished" but that the situation could be rectified if Mr Reagan reconsidered his policy. King Husain said he was concerned about the deal's repercussions on the Gulf War and thought that the Arabs should not be totally dependent on the US to solve their problems.

"It is very astonishing to hear this story," Mr Mubarak said, in the first official Egyptian response to Mr Reagan's Iran arms disclosure.

"I made some comments in a message to Mr Reagan, asking him, and I am still asking the United States, to do something so as not to lose its credibility in the Arab world."

Mr Mubarak, whose country receives $2 billion in financial aid from the US each year, seemed milder than King Husain. He said: "I hope something will be done in the near future so the United States will not lose its credibility, which I am afraid has started to deteriorate."

Mr Mubarak's relations with the US were strained and he felt personally insulted in October 1985 when American fighters intercepted an Egyptian plane carrying the four Palestinian hijackers of the cruise liner Achille Lauro.

King Husain two days ago expressed "shock and disappointment" and said that the deal with Iran "gives rise to concern ... I am puzzled because I cannot understand the American thinking". He rejected Mr Reagan's arguments that the arms would expedite an end to the war.

President Mubarak, right, welcoming King Husain to Cairo for the weekend talks.

'Supergrass law' under fire

From John England, Mainz

The West German Government plan to bring in a "supergrass" law for terrorist crimes is likely to be scrapped after a decision by the Free Democrat Party (FDP), the junior partners in the coalition, to water it down.

Leaders of the FDP had earlier agreed with the two conservative parties that terrorists of the Red Army Faction should be offered the chance to give evidence against their comrades in return for freedom or light sentences.

But faced with a mutiny by their rank-and- file members, the FDP federal executive headed off a public row at a pre-election conference last Friday and Saturday by proposing a compromise which ruled that "supergrasses" should not go free.

The 400 delegates voted overwhelmingly for the motion after more than four hours of lively and sometimes passionate debate.

This was a clear snub to Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), and the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) of Herr Franz Josef Strauss, although the same delegates earlier in the day had voted equally overwhelmingly to continue the FDP's four-year-old coalition with the conservatives.

At the CSU's pre-poll conference in Munich, Herr Strauss described the FDP's compromise proposal as a typically meaningless alibi from the party.

Herr Kohl, a guest speaker at the conference, recommended dropping the "supergrass" idea from anti-terrorist measures which the Government wants to make law by Christmas, in line with CDU-CSU opinion that it would be useless if weakened.

'Death to Arabs' chant in Jerusalem

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Chanting "Death to the Arabs", hundreds of right-wing religious Jews surged into the narrow streets of the Old City of Jerusalem at dusk yesterday vowing vengeance for "the blood of our lost brother".

All day, in expectation of this invasion, the Arab areas of the walled city had been deserted save for squads of border police on patrol. Shops were closed and their metal shutters pulled down.

In the morning a memorial service had been held on the Mount of Olives where the "lost brother", Eliahu Amedi, was buried a week before after having died of stab wounds outside the Yeshiva Bible College where he had been studying.

Three Arab youths were arrested for questioning about the stabbing, and during the last week groups of extremist Jews have been stoning cars, smashing windows and setting fire to Arab properties in the Old City. Every day petrol bombs have been thrown.

Yesterday the Cabinet received a report from Mr David Kraus, the police Inspector-General, who said that many of the Yeshiva students were known to have carried arms.

Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, had said that the Yeshiva was well known for causing trouble. As a result, Mr Kollek was the target at yesterday's demonstration of as many verbal attacks as were the Arabs.

At the scene of the stabbing, now converted into a shrine, loudspeakers were set up yesterday to boom out the words of psalms and political speeches. At one stage a few Arabs were seen on a rooftop, and dozens of demonstrators surged forward, pointing up and shouting, "Death".

Five Soviet deserters spirited to Canada

From John Best
Ottawa

Five deserters from the Soviet Army in Afghanistan rested at a Canadian military base on the weekend, having been spirited out of Afghanistan and Pakistan in a hush-hush operation co-ordinated with leaders of the Mujahidin freedom fighters.

The five had been held captive by the freedom fighters for periods of up to six years after their defections.

The clandestine operation, which apparently took place last Wednesday or Thursday, was the culmination of months of careful planning.

According to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, the shadowy British external intelligence agency MI6 played a "major role" in the expedition. A spokesman for the Canadian Department of External Affairs, Mr Paul Fraser, termed this report "speculative", but did not deny it.

Canadian authorities refused to give any details of the operation but promised a briefing for reporters today after Mr Joe Clark, the External Affairs Minister, reports to Parliament.

Officials declined to say where the former Soviet soldiers are staying, except that it is at a military base in Canada.

On Saturday, just hours after news of the smuggling operation leaked out, the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa was informed, but offered no immediate reaction, beyond saying that it would report to Moscow and await instructions. It was assumed that the Russians will demand an opportunity to interview the men. The five are still Soviet citizens.

The operation was the fulfilment of a plan which, in one form or another, had been in place for more than 2 years.

Car bomb at Turkish consulate

Melbourne (Reuter) – A car bomb exploded outside the Turkish consulate here early yesterday, killing one person and injuring another.

Police said that the blast extensively damaged the consulate and the five-story building in which it is housed in the surburb of South Yarra.

The explosion was so powerful that they had not yet established the make of the car used or the identity of the person killed. One woman, a part-time cleaner, suffered shock and lacerations.

Mr Paul Delianis, the assistant police commissioner, said that the bomb was "very significant", perhaps up to 9 lb of high explosive.

No one had claimed responsibility. When the Turkish consul in Sydney was shot dead at his home in December 1980, a group calling itself the Justice Commandos of Armenian Genocide said it was responsible.

Europe set to deliver blow to Britain in Falklands vote

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Britain's ability to keep its European partners in line on the Falklands issue is expected to be delivered a further blow in the United Nations General Assembly meeting which begins today on the continuing diplomatic stalemate in the South Atlantic.

Unless there is a successful last-minute British lobbying effort, The Netherlands will join France, Italy and Greece, which last year broke European ranks to side with the Argentine contention that any Anglo-Argentine attempts at reconciliation must have as their cornerstone negotiations over Falklands sovereignty.

There are also unconfirmed reports that Belgium, West Germany, Portugal and Ireland are considering switching from their pattern of abstentions, in a display of European solidarity with Britain, to firm backing of the Argentine position on the grounds that enough time has elapsed for Britain to discuss sovereignty.

For the Government of President Alfonsin of Argentina, the European vote is the most coveted. It has the effect of enhancing enormously the Argentine position while coming closer to isolating Mrs Thatcher for having sought dialogue without conceding the essential ingredients. For their part, British officials believe that the Assembly debate only encourages Argentina to defer taking steps to return to normal relations.

Argentina enters the two-day debate with the bonus of having had its latest overture to Britain dismissed last week as a variation of the demand that the sovereignty issue be included on any Anglo-Argentine agenda.

Britain's decision last month to establish a fisheries protection zone around the disputed islands is likely to be seen by the majority in the Assembly as an unnecessary provocation.

The current draft resolution, sponsored by Latin American nations but inspired by Argentina, is in essence the same as a measure adopted by the Assembly last year. It is tailored to win the largest possible number of votes by omitting the contentious word "sovereignty" but at the same time, by urging discussion on "all aspects" of the islands' future, leaving no doubt over the intentions of the draft.

British diplomats are expected again to seize on this semantic manoeuvring to try to expose Argentina as passing off as reasonable a highly prejudicial draft resolution. The Government's desire to see tensions in the South Atlantic turn into co-operation and friendship will be emphasized.

But, as always, Britain is left defending a policy which the international community simply does not accept. The Falklands issue is seen as an anachronism and negotiations, whatever the circumstances, an inviolable principle of the United Nations. Britain can only seek solace in the number of countries abstaining.

The debate finds Britain abandoning its relatively low profile at the UN to conduct a vigorous campaign which leaves nothing to chance. The British diplomatic offensive rests on three main arguments: the paramount importance of the self-determination of the islanders, the fact that Argentina initiated the 1982 conflict, and that the Argentine draft is a strategem prejudging the outcome of any sovereignty negotiations.

But the calculations this year point to Britain's being left with Belize as its only outright supporter in the "no" column.

Because it is difficult for any country to vote against negotiations, abstentions are able to count as diplomatic victories.

England have chance of chess gold

Dubai – England completed a remarkable week at the World Chess Olympics here yesterday with a realistic chance of winning the gold medal (Ray Keene, Chess Correspondent, writes).

In the eighth round England crushed the strong Icelandic team, who had drawn with the title holders and favourites, the Soviet Union, by the remarkable score of 4-0.

Tony Miles beat Helgi Olafsson, Nigel Short beat Johann Hjartarsson, Murray Chandler beat Jon Arnason, and John Speelman beat Grandmaster Margeir Petursson.

Previously during the week England, silver medallists in 1984 and seeded second this year, had beaten the United States, Hungary and Yugoslavia, all by 2½-1½, and had drawn 2-2 with the USSR.

● Russians falter: The Soviet Union had faltered when held to a draw by Iceland, ranked sixth, which erased a one-point deficit in the seventh-round adjournment session.

The 2-2 result had kept both teams in third place, sharing the position with England, half a point behind Hungary and the US after seven rounds.

Other top matches in the eighth round pitted the USSR against the United States and Yugoslavia against Hungary.

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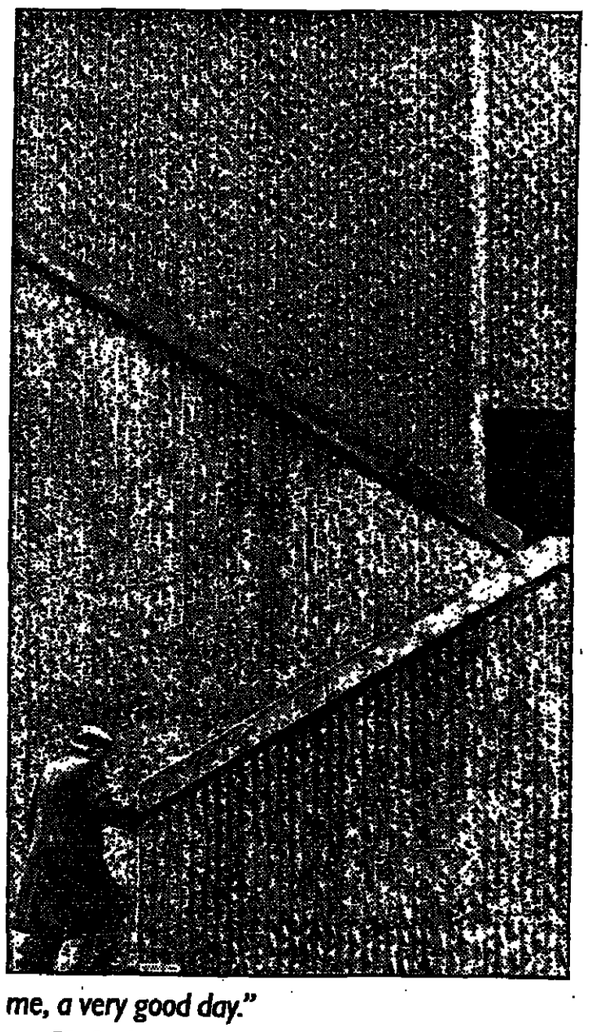

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South Africa: ● Sanctions noose tightens ● Israeli connection ● Liberals' indecision

Trade ban initiative by frontline states may beat the American veto

From Jan Raath, Harare

The sanctions against South Africa agreed at the Commonwealth mini-summit in August are now making way for an initiative that could be far more damaging to South Africa than anything the Commonwealth could achieve on its own.

Diplomats and government officials now believe that, by the end of the year, the United Nations Security Council will be presented with sanctions proposals, by Southern Africa's frontline states, that stand a strong chance of avoiding the United States veto that has, until now, dogged any advance of the demands of the African states.

If the initiative, chiefly from Zimbabwe and Zambia, succeeds, it would force Britain and West Germany into taking the sort of effective measures that have been sidestepped in the Commonwealth and the EEC.

The way for the initiative has been cleared by the United States Congress's decision, in October, to impose a series of tough restrictions on American trade with South Africa.

The frontline strategy was spelled out last week by Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, whose country is a member of the Security Council, after lengthy meetings with both Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, and President Kaunda of Zambia.

Two members of the security forces were stabbed to death and four others injured in "unrest-related incidents" at the weekend, the Government's Bureau for Information reported (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg). The incidents occurred in black townships, but the bureau neglected to say whether the dead men were soldiers or police, or whether they were white or black.

The frontline states would soon present the Security Council with a resolution for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa, Mr Ellemann-Jensen said.

The frontline states have a close ally in Denmark, which has, unilaterally, banned all trade dealings with South Africa.

Mr Ellemann-Jensen said the African leaders were well aware that such a proposal was almost certain to bring down the US veto. "We will have to see how the debate goes," he added. It was likely that the resolution would be watered down to meet US approval.

An agreement, within the Security Council, is likely to contain a ban on air links with South Africa and a halt to imports of its coal, measures that have been specifically rejected, so far, by Britain and West Germany.

In the face of these manouevres, the Commonwealth mini-summit's recommendations — to which Britain agreed only partially — have assumed considerably lesser importance.

The expected Commonwealth sanctions package has not materialized. The idea of a co-ordinated, and simultaneous, declaration of trade bans against South Africa, also appears to have vapourized.

Canada and Australia have not waited. In the past two weeks both have withdrawn consular facilities in South Africa in line with the mini-summit recommendations.

Mr Mugabe: new initiative on boycott against South Africa.

Jerusalem reviews its links with an improbable friend

In the wake of the US Congress decision to impose a range of sanctions on South Africa, Israel is reluctantly looking for ways to show the world that it, too, is prepared to do more than denounce apartheid in words alone. Ian Murray, Jerusalem Correspondent, examines the arguments over Israel's paradoxical relationship with Pretoria.

A huge poison gas cloud devastated Cameroon last August on the day that Mr Shimon Peres arrived for ceremonies to mark the renewal of diplomatic ties with Israel. There were even those who said this was a heaven-sent judgement on a black African country which restored friendly relations with a state on good terms with the white Government in Pretoria.

Mr Peres came prepared. His special aircraft brought a medical team to help the victims of the gas disaster. In his pocket he had the text of a promise "to do everything to dismantle the odious system of apartheid".

During the flight, he told accompanying journalists that although Israel condemned apartheid, it was too insignificant a country to play a world role in the battle to abolish it. If others took the lead, he said, Israel would not lag behind.

The votes in Congress have given that lead. "We have realized that sooner or later we will have to do something to join this club where everybody is trying to outdo each other," an official told *The Times*. "We realize that we will have to do something."

Israel has always supported anti-apartheid votes in the United Nations but has abstained on sanctions. With excellent reason it is cynical of their usefulness. It has long experience of surviving despite them. It knows better than most that there are always ways round them.

Measures under consideration include cutting tourism and stopping visits by personalities, but this is seen largely as window-dressing to satisfy world opinion. "We could make a big thing about not buying gold Krugerrands — but we don't buy Krugerrands anyway," the official said.

On the face of it, there is no logical reason for Israel to maintain close links with South Africa. Jewish history is often no more than a tragic documentation of anti-semitism. The state of Israel itself was established in the aftermath of the world's most horrifying example of attempted genocide. Israel, more than any other country, should understand the moral and physical evils of racism.

In practice it has always condemned apartheid and regularly pledges itself to its overthrow. In its early years it refused to have full diplomatic relations with South Africa and it was black Africa which ultimately forced Israel into its close relationship with Pretoria.

There is no logical reason for Israel to maintain close links with South Africa. It was not until all but three black African countries broke diplomatic relations with it under Arab pressure after the 1973 Middle East war that ambassadors were exchanged. Before that, Israel had cultivated good relations with black Africa diligently.

But the breaking of diplomatic ties, followed by the UN resolution in 1975 equating Zionism with racism, threw the two countries together. An official visit to Israel in 1976 by Mr John Vorster, the then South African Prime Minister, produced a wide-ranging pact on commercial, trade, fiscal and, probably, military spheres which has cemented the friendship.

The trade balance is heavily and increasingly in South Africa's favour, although the amounts are tiny. Last year, Israel sold goods worth $66 million (£46.5 million) and bought $187 million, of which $112 million was for cheap coal — which Israel finds a more reliable energy source than oil.

A new trade agreement was actually signed in August, at the very time that the rest of the world was agreeing on the need for sanctions. An appreciative South Africa dropped the coal price by $6 a ton. Sanctions on coal imports would force up the cost of Israeli energy, but would make no significant impact on South Africa.

The trade figures do not include diamonds or arms — if there are any arms sales. The diamond trade, channelled largely through London or Antwerp, is not a serious contender for sanctions. Officially, Israel does not sell weapons to South Africa, in line with UN decisions.

Now that South Africa is virtually self sufficient in arms production, it is unlikely that there is much incentive for private Israeli dealers to try to find markets there.

Israeli know-how does seem to have been exported in the past. The Cheetah, the new South African jet fighter unveiled this summer, bears an uncanny resemblance to the Israeli Kfir TC 2, according to *Jane's Defence Weekly*. There are persistent, unverifiable rumours of past nuclear cooperation between the two. But sanctions on alleged know-how transfers are obviously meaningless.

Israeli know-how in anti-guerrilla or terrorist techniques has also been in evidence, with reports of up to 300 Israeli troops helping to train the South African Army in reprisal raids and the use of the same kind of specialist equipment which detects infiltrators along Israel's contested borders.

Israel's main public interest in South Africa is its more than 100,000-strong Jewish community. It is politically the most pro-Zionist such group in the world. On a per capita basis, it remits the most money each year to Israel.

Yet it shows little interest in emigration to Israel. Those who do emigrate prefer Australia, Britain or the United States. Of the 4,000 who left last year, only 254 came to Israel. Despite a new programme designed specially to help South African migrants, only double that number are expected this year.

About 120,000 South African Jews live in Israel. According to the 1980 census, about 2,000 Israelis live in South Africa, but some estimates put the figure much higher.

One argument hotly contested, even by members of the tiny and fragmented Israeli anti-apartheid movement, is that there is a sympathy with white South Africans because they are both embattled minority communities.

The Israelis insist their country is a democracy in which Arab and Jew have equal rights, not one where they are legally separated. The same is not true of the occupied territories, however.

There is a fear that if the occupation becomes permanent, then the similarities will begin to grow. But inside Israel itself there is total agreement across the political spectrum that conditions could not be more different than they are in South Africa.

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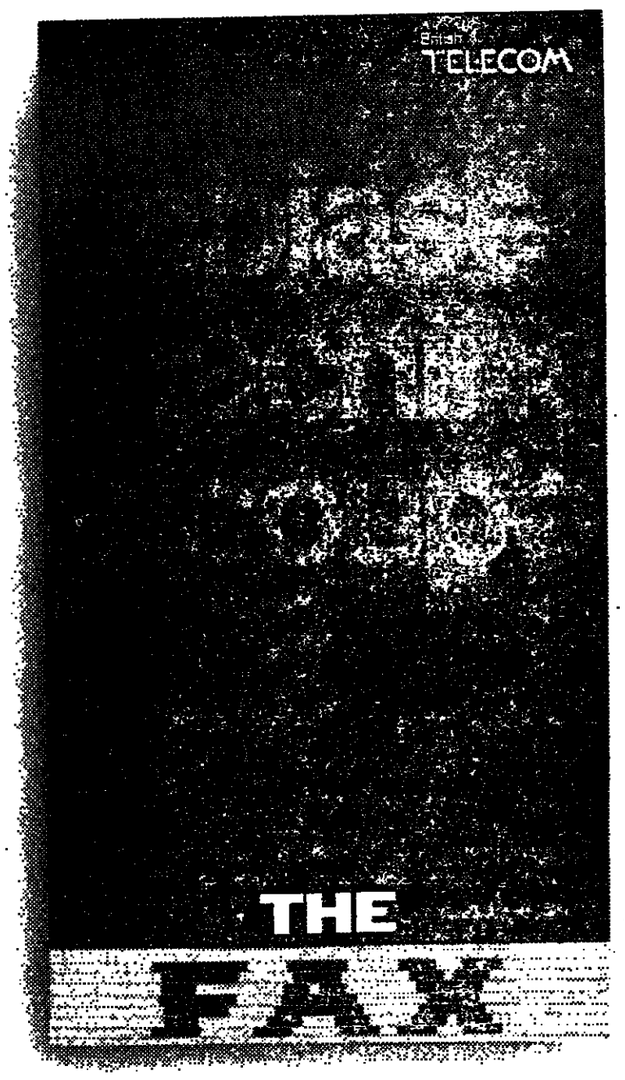

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Anti-apartheid party seeks black support

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the parliamentary voice of anti-apartheid white liberalism, moved closer at the weekend to acceptance of the principle of majority rule in a bid to increase its appeal to the 23 million voteless blacks, who outnumber whites by five to one.

Delegates at its annual federal congress voted 110-90 to abolish a clause in its manifesto which supports a right of veto for minorities.

As the vote fell short of the required two-thirds majority, the issue was referred to a committee charged with updating and reviewing the party's position on constitutional matters, with particular reference to the veto.

Mr Colin Eglin, the party leader, said he believed the minority veto provision "in the form in which it is embodied in our constitution, will have to go" as it had "acquired a negative, divisive connotation".

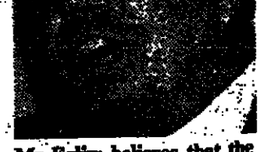
The PFP has supported a universal franchise, within the context of a federal system of government, since the late 1970s. It has, however, continued to argue that minorities should be protected by having a right of veto over certain kinds of legislation.

Dr Nthato Motlana, president of the Soweto Civic Association, which is an affiliate of the United Democratic Front (UDF), a multi-racial, extra-parliamentary alliance of hundreds of grass-roots anti-apartheid organizations, which broadly shares the aims of the African National Congress (ANC) but disassociates itself from the ANC's use of violence, said blacks saw the minority veto as a subterfuge to prevent a system of one-man one-vote.

Any attempt by whites to preserve themselves as a distinct group with a higher standard of living than the rest of the population would make them vulnerable, he said. He urged delegates to "take common cause with the oppressed black majority".

His argument was supported by Mrs Helen Suzman, the veteran PFP Parliamentarian, who said that the minority veto was seen by blacks as "a device to protect white privilege".

But Professor Nic Olivie the PFP research directo



Mr Eglin: believes that the minority veto must go

warned that if the veto were to be scrapped "we can write off white support for our party".

The debate reflected the divisions within the PFP as it struggles to show that it still has relevance for a white electorate witnessing a resurgence of right-wing nationalism and for a future black electorate which is increasingly impatient with the ambiguities of white liberalism.

The congress endorsed the party's opposition to economic sanctions overwhelmingly, overriding its youth wing, which had argued in favour of punitive measures against Pretoria but not against the rest of commercial South Africa.

There was also a large majority in favour of continuing the party's dialogue with the UDF and the ANC.

Gorbachov visits Delhi in attempt to restore Kremlin's lost influence

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, arrives in Delhi tomorrow for a four-day visit of crucial importance to the Russians. Since the accession of Mr Rajiv Gandhi to the prime ministership, the Russians have watched while Indian policy apparently has taken on a more pro-Western tilt. Mr Gorbachov is coming to try to restore the balance.

There are four key areas in which the Russians are anxious to progress: trade, arms, support for Soviet foreign policy, and Mr Gorbachov's newly-expressed policy for Asia and the Pacific, as outlined in his Vladivostok speech.

The last will probably be the most difficult on which to make headway. When Mr Brezhnev came to India in 1973 he broached his notion of an Asian security pact with Mrs Indira Gandhi and, according to one of those present at the meeting, was given a flea in his ear. He was, for good measure, also ticked off about interference in Afghanistan and urged to take part fully in the United Nations international development activities.

Though flattered by Mr Gorbachov's references to India as the leader of Asia, officials here are still wary of what his proposals will mean. They have not yet seen, as Mr Gorbachov will try to persuade them, that the United States is looking for new military partners in Asia, and that an Asia/Pacific pact would provide a useful counterweight to these ambitions. The visit to Delhi earlier this year of Mr Mikhail Kapista, a senior Kremlin foreign policy adviser, failed to make any impression on Mr Gandhi.

Mr Gorbachov is favoured, however, with fortunate timing. He arrives as India is increasingly concerned with American proposals to supply an airborne early-warning system to Pakistan. The concern was not diminished by a disclosure in an American news magazine at the weekend that US spy planes are operating from an air base near Karachi.

Trade matters will be easier to deal with, though much remains to be done. The value of India's trade with the Soviet Union has declined with the fall in the price of crude oil and petroleum products. The trade is carried on in rupees, and India has been building up a substantial trade surplus by supplying manufactured articles to Russia.

Russia has been pointing out that unless India buys more there will not be enough rupees left in the kitty to carry on, and several trade protocols have been prepared during a flurry of high-level meetings preceding the visit.

Announcements are expected on railways and power generation, though Soviet atomic plants have lost their attraction since Chernobyl. The Russians have been pressing India to buy machinery, offering joint production deals under which the cost of setting up could be repaid with exports.

The importance of India's arms supply connection with the Russians was emphasized at the weekend with the announcement that the first batch of Soviet MiG 29 fighters will be delivered next month.

The Indian Air Force is buying two squadrons of the plane, which is so new that not even the Warsaw Pact allies have yet received supplies. The Air Force has also been offered a very large medium-range weapon, the R 23 (which Nato calls the Apex) and a dogfight weapon, the R 60 (Aphid).

It is reported that no new weapon deals will be signed during the visit, even though defence experts are among the 250 officials accompanying Mr Gorbachov.

On foreign policy generally, ringing calls will be heard for nuclear disarmament. Mr Gorbachov himself opened the bidding by declaring to four Indian journalists who interviewed him in his Kremlin office that there was no point in further superpower negotiations as long as the US persists with its Strategic Defence Initiative.

The Americans, trying to repair some of the damage done by the appalling timing of the visit to Pakistan by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, have sent a disarmament expert to Delhi to explain the US position. Mr David Emery, from the US Disarmament Agency, told the External Affairs Ministry here that America has not broken its dialogue with Russia.

A senior American official in Delhi said that while they supposed that a number of anti-American statements would be made during the visit it was expected that India would not endorse them but simply let them lie on the table.

There is little comfort for the Americans, however, in an opinion poll published in a Delhi Sunday paper which showed that 72 per cent of those questioned believed that India should continue to have closer relations with Russia rather than with America.

Brazil's economy

Harsh measures flow from election success

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Fresh from a sweeping electoral victory, the Brazilian Government has announced a series of harsh and controversial economic measures intended at once to cool the superheated economy, to pay the enormous budget deficit, and to protect the poor and the working classes.

The measures are described as "adjustments" of the Cruzado Plan, the wide-ranging overhaul of the economy which arrested the 250 per cent inflation rate in February.

To correct outdated prices and control an unprecedented spending spree, the so-called "Cruzado Two" reform increased telephone, electricity and postal rates between 30 and 60 per cent.

For the second time this year Brasilia imposed a surtax — this time of 60 per cent — on petrol and alcohol fuel.

Cars will cost 80 per cent more: 20 per cent will go to the manufacturers and 60 per cent to government coffers. There will be big increases in the price of cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

The Government stands to collect 160 billion cruzados (almost £8 billion) by these measures, enough to pay its ceficit of about £5 billion with plenty left over.

Brasilia also promised to put its own house in order by laying off thousands of government workers and closing 15 loss-making state enterprises, such as the national mortgage bank and the Brazilian coffee institute.

President José Sarney has also ordered a freeze on new government recruitment until 1988.

Even a society long inured to sudden *pacotes*, or sweeping economic packages, has seen this latest one as particularly severe. But many think that the measures came none too soon.

In the last nine months real wage increases of between 15 and 34 per cent, plus relatively stable prices, have created an unprecedented level of consumer demand.

Factories cannot keep up with demand as shoppers exercising their new-found purchasing power have emptied store shelves. Government price controls disappeared as merchants tacked black-market premiums on many goods.

Yet "Cruzado Two" was not as warmly received as the original plan, which sent President Sarney's popularity ratings soaring.

Five thousand public employees who are to be laid off demonstrated against the closing of government companies. Petrol station owners complained that the new taxes would cut business and send them into bankruptcy.

Critics also pointed to the timing of the announcement, conveniently just after the November 15 election, in which nearly every seat in congress, and all 23 governorships, were at stake.

President Sarney's Brazilian Democratic Movement Party and its coalition partner, the Liberal Front, won an overwhelming victory in the election, taking most of the Congress seats and all but one of the governorships.

What is more, the Government has called these increases "surtaxes", and not price rises, which means they will not be part of the calculations of the cost of living indexes.

This adroit book-keeping spared Brasilia a blemish on

Señor Funaro: aiming to cut his economy's 'velocity'

its inflation-fighting record, but cost it one of its leading economists, Señor Edmar Bacha, head of the institute of geography and statistics, who resigned in protest.

If the increases were included, economists say, the monthly inflation figure for November could be up by more than three times, to about 7 per cent.

The middle and upper classes will feel the worst bite. But that was the government's calculated risk. "Our premise was that those earning the lowest salaries should not be affected," Señor Dilson Funaro, the Finance Minister, said.

In fact, these measures are nearly as important for what they exclude. Pressured by his own centre-left party, which won most of the coalition's seats, President Sarney vetoed proposals by some advisers to eliminate the large subsidies for milk and wheat which would have sent prices of bread and dairy goods soaring, and to tax workers' wages.

The real challenge for Brasilia now may be containing economic growth without causing stagnation.

"We don't want to enter again into a recession," Señor Funaro said as the latest measures were unveiled. "We only want to reduce the velocity of the economy."

$20m paid in US for Moore collection

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The world's largest private collection of works by the late Henry Moore has been sold by an American oil and real estate tycoon for a figure believed to be about $20 million (about £13.3 million).

The 57 works span more than 50 years of Moore's career, beginning with a bronze wall plaque of 1931.

The collection was sold by Mr George Ablah of Wichita, Kansas, who acquired it over the past 10 years. It was bought by the Hall Family Foundation of Kansas City, founded in 1954 by Joyce Hall of the Hallmark greeting card company.

It consisted of nine monumental sculptures, including three bronzes currently on loan to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, 19 working models, 24 small study models, several tapestries and a wall relief.

It will now be loaned to the Kansas City museum.

The outcome of the sale was a disappointment to the National Gallery of Art, which had hoped it might one day acquire the collection as a gift.

The sale, it appears, was undertaken partly because new tax laws make it prudent for investment collectors to dispose of their pieces before the year's end.

The late General Franco's only daughter, the Marquesa de Villaverde, shaking hands with worshippers at a commemoration Mass at the Valle de los Caidos on Saturday

Spanish right remembers Franco

Madrid — Spain's far-right marched up the city's broad Castellana Avenue yesterday, their ranks swelled by French and Italian fascist delegations, to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the death of General Francisco Franco, last Thursday, and the 50th anniversary of the death of Falange founder José Antonio Primo de Rivera (Harry Debelius writes).

Thousands of red and yellow Spanish flags, carried by the marchers, fluttered in a chilly breeze as they shouted, "Franco, Franco, Franco". Young men and women marched behind Civil War veterans. The youths wore the Falange uniform.

● **Melilla demand:** A demonstration, on Saturday, in the Spanish enclave of Melilla, in North Africa, raised a more contemporary issue: its own future and that of Spain's other north African enclave, Ceuta. Thousands of Muslims residents of Melilla marched in a demand for full Spanish citizenship.

Gunman surrenders hostages to police

Wuppertal (Reuter) — A gunman who tried to rob a West German supermarket freed the last three of seven hostages early yesterday and surrendered after a 14-hour siege.

The man, a 39-year-old unemployed bricklayer whose name was withheld, exchanged shots with a police motorcyclist before taking hostages in the supermarket.

Later, as about 100 police, including marksmen, took up positions around the store, the man demanded 100,000 marks (£36,000) and a getaway car.

Pistol practice for Gandhi

Delhi (AP) — Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister who escaped an assassination attempt last month, has taken up target practice, according to the Delhi *Sunday Observer*.

He and his 6-year-old son Rahul practice for hours with 9 mm Mauser pistols at a firing range in Mehruali.

Sales trip

Amman (Reuter) — Mr George Younger, the British Defence Minister, has arrived on his first visit to Amman as Britain seeks to sell 40 Tornado jet fighters to Jordan.

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Key faces behind new crisis in the Phillipines

Enrile out, but still a problem to Manila

Manila (Reuter, AFP) – Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Phillipines Defence Minister, lost his job yesterday, but not his role as a thorn in the side of President Aquino.

Mr Enrile, aged 62, has said in the past that he would consult "friends" if he were dismissed from the Cabinet. Political observers took this remark to mean that if his supporters preferred a confrontation with the Government he would go along.

He did not attend Saturday-night's emergency Cabinet meeting, but later talked with President Aquino. It was not immediately known where he went after leaving the Presidential Palace. Calls to his home were not answered.

One Asian diplomat who has watched Mr Enrile closely described the situation as dangerous.

Mr Enrile has been associated with the military for nearly 20 years, most of which were spent as Defence Minister under the ousted leader, Mr Ferdinand Marcos.

He is believed to have considerable support among middle-level officers, mainly colonels who graduated in 1971 and who started a well-publicized reform movement more than a year ago.

They flocked to the side of Mr Enrile in Camp Aguinaldo, the Defence Ministry headquarters, when he defected from Mr Marcos. But credit for mass military defections went to armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos.

Political observers believe that Mr Enrile's strong and often savage criticism of President Aquino's handling of the communist insurgency was based on the belief that General Ramos was on his side.

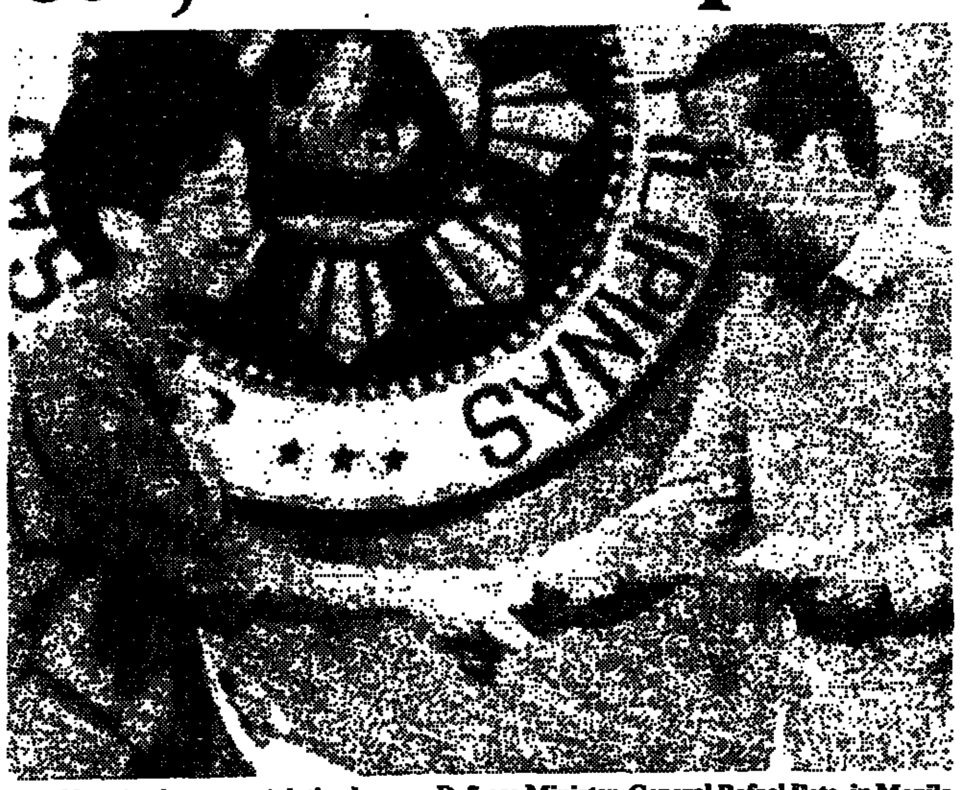
Mr Enrile's supporters were said earlier this month to have been hatching a plot to oust left-leaning ministers while President Aquino was in Japan on an official visit.

Until she left for Japan, there were indications that President Aquino did not trust General Ramos fully, and she called military commanders individually to discuss what they would do in case of a coup.

General Ramos later issued a statement giving a warning against any attempt to topple the Government; his presence at yesterday's Cabinet meeting was seen as his decision to back President Aquino.

As Defence Minister under Mr Marcos, Mr Enrile was seen as the second most powerful man in the country, but was gradually eclipsed in the late 1970s by Mr Marcos's wife, Imelda.

His career went downhill when General Fabian Ver, a cousin of Mr Marcos, was appointed Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces in 1981. Observers saw the erosion of his powers as a major factor in Mr Enrile's decision to stage the mutiny in February with General Ver's equally disgruntled deputy, General Ramos, then a lieutenant general.



President Aquino congratulating her new Defence Minister, General Rafael Ileto, in Manila yesterday. At right, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the ousted minister whose resignation she had accepted hours before, walking away from the Presidential Palace.

Ramos holds secret of path through political minefield

Manila (Reuter) – The backing of General Fidel Ramos, the Philippines military chief until now regarded as the man in the middle, was crucial to President Aquino's political survival and her battle against Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, her sacked Defence Minister.

Once regarded as a straightforward but timid soldier, General Ramos, aged 57, played a key role in the downfall of his cousin, the former President Marcos, when he and Mr Enrile led the civilian-backed military revolt that swept Mrs Aquino to power in February.

General Ramos: Identified with reformist elements.

For months thereafter he appeared loyal to Mr Enrile, thus preventing Mrs Aquino from taking decisive action against her Defence Minister, who had frequently criticized her policies and whose followers were rumoured to be plotting a coup.

Most observers believe that General Ramos commands the loyalty of most of the country's armed forces. But some groups, mainly colonels who graduated in 1971, are said to support Mr Enrile.

Mrs Aquino's image was damaged by her failure to act against Mr Enrile. Once pictured as a daring housewife-turned-politician, she was increasingly seen as vacillating and indecisive.

It was General Ramos who finally made possible her move against Mr Enrile. Political observers believe that he will play an even more important role in the future.

The General, who was deputy chief of the armed forces under Mr Marcos as well as a former chief of police and of the paramilitary Philippine Constabulary, has long been identified with reformist elements among the military. Mr Marcos had named him to take over from General Fabian Ver, his Armed Forces Chief, on March 1 after having stood in as military chief while General Ver was being tried last year for alleged involvement in the murder of Mr Benigno Aquino, the President's husband.

When General Ver was acquitted with all the other defendants in December – a verdict now challenged – General Ramos had to step down, after having made tentative reforms to a military tainted by charges of corruption and inefficiency in its fight against communist rebels.

Before the February coup, General Ramos indicated that he believed that Mrs Aquino had links with subversives. He then said that the military "would not allow the communists to take over".

Two weeks after the January election, which Mrs Aquino lost, she claimed, through cheating and violence, General Ramos said: "I am withdrawing my support for the President (Marcos)."

A dour but popular man, he was less tainted by criticisms of the military than many senior officers whose jobs were extended beyond the normal retirement age of 56 or after 30 years' service.

Though a distant cousin of Mr Marcos he was seen as a professional soldier. In the Marcos era he was known to have had meetings with the "We Belong" group of younger officers long unhappy about slow promotion, lack of reform and the tarnished image of the country's 250,000-strong military and reserves.

Aquino guardian joins her Cabinet

Manila (Reuter) – General Rafael Ileto, the Philippines' new Defence Minister, trained the élite "Yellow Army" troops guarding President Aquino, beat a communist uprising in the 1950s and opposed the imposition of martial law in 1972.

A professional soldier turned diplomat, he is widely respected by the armed forces. Aged 66, a graduate of West Point and a former Ambassador to Iran, the General cuts a fatherly figure above the bickering and power struggles in the military.

"I am disappointed with the Army," he said last week. "There have been charges of widespread corruption, human rights violations and lack of discipline by troops in the countryside."

General Ileto was among the prominent figures who supported Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Defence Minister, and General Fidel Ramos when they broke away from Mr Marcos. As the military's deputy Chief of Staff, he opposed Mr Marcos's imposition of martial law in 1972 and was sent abroad as Ambassador to Tehran.

A military officer who asked not to be named said that General Ileto was believed to have been a close ally of Mrs Aquino's assassinated husband Benigno, Mr Marcos's arch-rival.

Commenting on Manila's political situation, General Ileto said: "There are too many people who want to become president." He described himself as a man in the middle, adding: "I am neutral. I don't take sides."

The soft-spoken general is known in the military as fiercely anti-communist.

"A coalition with the communists is out of the question," he said. "The communist New People's Army must be eliminated. But right now the Government is trying to find a peaceful solution to the problem."

Accusations fly on grim Lebanese Independence Day

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

It was among the most miserable of Lebanese Independence Days. President Amin Gemayel stood grim-faced before the national banner of the cedar tree; there was no military parade of tanks and guns, merely the old national anthem of "We are all for the flag", a refrain so palpably untrue in Lebanon that militiamen killed each other over the right to fly it a year ago.

Mr Gemayel, in one of those dark, wide-lapelled suits that have come to epitomize presidential responsibility in a land where the national leader is utterly powerless to influence events, turned up in a heavily guarded motorcade. It was probably necessary.

Down below, in the streets of east Beirut, the Christians were accusing the Syrians, and their own Sunni Muslim Prime Minister, who has refused to attend Cabinet meetings with Mr Gemayel, of fomenting their economic plight.

The refusal of Christian and Muslim ministers to meet in Cabinet is blamed widely for the collapse of the Lebanese pound. If Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, would just drive up to Baabda to see the President, the Christians were saying, he could "save three million Lebanese from starvation".

In west Beirut, where Mr Karami resides in an apartment above the Mediterranean, a somewhat different view prevailed. The Lebanese pound had crashed, the Muslim militias said, because Mr Gemayel and his Christian Phalangist allies had squandered the nation's wealth on the purchase of millions of dollars worth of US military equipment which was now used by Christian units of the Lebanese Army to intimidate the Druze and Shia Muslims.

Mr Gemayel is well aware of these accusations – which was probably why the tanks and guns were not paraded past him. Watching the expensive military might of the Christian-led Army gliding past the President on their television sets this weekend might have proved a little too much for the Muslims of West Beirut.

The only remotely political gesture at the little ceremony, therefore, was the polite nods of deference paid to the arrival of the American Ambassador.

The Phalange were meanwhile ordering Christian shopkeepers to impose a price freeze in order to break what they called "the Syrian-inspired famine". In west Beirut, the people merely stayed at home, or wandered aimlessly along the seafront corniche, the street stalls almost disregarded by those who once had the money to drink coffee all day.

France 'ready' to pull out 700 Unifil troops

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Seven hundred French soldiers serving with the United Nations peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon (Unifil) are to be withdrawn as part of an effort to limit the number of French targets vulnerable to attacks from extremist Shia Muslim factions in the area, according to sources at the United Nations.

The partial withdrawal, which is expected to be announced in the next few days, follows months of speculation over France's intentions in southern Lebanon after several of its soldiers fell victim to waves of attacks from pro-Iranian Hezbollah gunmen last summer.

There was growing concern yesterday that the pull-out, amounting to half of the French battalion, signalled the French Government's decision to abandon Unifil completely before the force's mandate comes up for renewal in January.

The French contingent is considered to be the backbone of the 5,400-strong United Nations force, and the departure of all its troops could quickly lead to the force's collapse.

UN officials fear that this could in turn create a vacuum in the area, making it easier for extremist forces to gain the upper hand and increasing the likelihood of direct clashes between Israel and Syria.

The remaining French soldiers will be redeployed to Unifil's headquarters in Naqqura, one of the force's less exposed areas of operation. Although some of the positions of the departing French troops will be taken up by Nepalese and Fijian soldiers, the entire Unifil area will be condensed.

According to diplomatic sources, the French move has been timed to take advantage of the present lull in the campaign against UN operations. The last thing that the French Government would want, they said, was to give the impression that it was succumbing to the pressure of extremists.

● PARIS: The Prime Minister's office was unable yesterday to confirm or deny the reports (Susan MacDonald writes). But after bomb attacks against the French soldiers during August and September, the Government had asked the United Nations to take steps to guarantee the security of its forces, implying that withdrawal might be considered if such guarantees could not be met.

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THE ARTS

Lines of interest

May We Borrow Your Husband? (ITV) was a curious drama, scripted by its star, Dirk Bogarde, from a story by Graham Greene. The result was a sort of homosexual *Hotel du lac*, again with a successful author staying at an out-of-season grand hotel, against another backdrop of mountains, water and self-gratifying fellow guests. The difference lay in the proclivities, which were signalled from the start. As affianced landowner Peter went over the jumps, the camera homed in on the rise and fall of the English equestrian rear. "A pretty bum in the saddle", said a horsy spectator with a leer. "A pretty bum anywhere", added his companion.

TELEVISION

The hotel was no different. The flamboyantly flouncy interior decorators (Frances Matthews and David Yelland) quickly seduced the bell-hop and the only lady residents were butch Germans in leather trousers. When honeymooners Peter and Poopy arrived, the decorators took one look at public-school product Peter and soon had him crawling around in swimming trunks on a jewelled leash.

To begin with this left the star, Dirk Bogarde as a (heterosexual) writer, with little to do but to complain about the noise. Eventually he fell for neglected and deceived wife Poopy. And when the camera closed in on them it became clear that another long-standing affair, between Bogarde and the camera, is not dead. The wry, self-deprecating smile is still there. The lines only add to the interest.

The charming Charlotte Attenborough (daughter of Richard), who played Poopy, totally lacked lines. A 27-year-old in real life, she had no difficulty in convincing us that she was four years younger. However, she bore no resemblance to the county gel she was supposed to be. In writing her dialogue, Mr Bogarde seemed sparsely acquainted with the landed gentry. On the strength, and weakness, of this drama, let us hope that he will now turn his fastidious eye on to a world that he knows really well, to give us a completely original screenplay.

Anne Campbell Dixon

The film-makers who hate to have their lilies gilded

Gary Cooper in *High Noon*, one of the threatened films of Fred Zinnemann, who is vigourously leading the fight

Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon*, whose director, John Huston, is currently bringing a legal action to save it

The public may prefer their movies coloured, but directors who worked in black and white are fighting back against the distortion of their original images: **David Robinson** reports on the battle between the creative artist and the entrepreneur

The "colorization" controversy continues unabated. On the opening day of the London Film Festival, the Directors' Guild of Great Britain held a conference at the National Film Theatre. The panel was chaired by Barry Norman and included the directors Fred Zinnemann, Alan Parker and Neil Jordan, together with the veteran cinematographer Douglas Slocombe, who filmed most of the Ealing classics, from *Dead of Night* onwards.

As a debate it inevitably lacked a degree of dynamism, since it was entirely one-sided. No one, it seems, outside the two American firms who have a large financial stake in the process, has a good word for "colorization" – a computer process which permits black and white films to be coloured for re-release on television and video.

The few people in this country who have actually seen the results report that the computerized colours are limited and rather lurid, and flatten the image. The colouring can be very approximate: it is said that American viewers were startled when Frank Sinatra appeared in a "colorized" film with the famous old blue eyes transmuted to brown. The Costume Designers' Guild of America, who are among the strongest opponents, complain that their members' creations are being travestied, when scenes subtly worked out in shades of grey emerge in gay purples and greens.

Aesthetically the process is at best equivalent to the efforts of those unscrupulous dealers who colour old engravings that were intended to be black and white. The anti-colourists prefer more extreme analogies, like that of painting Rodin sculptures in "natural" colours. Even when the process improves, as it inevitably will, the objections must remain. Cinematography is a very exact craft, and a black and white film is lit in an altogether different way from a film that is shot in colour. Pictorially the subsequent addition of synthetic colour can only diminish the visual style.

Nor is it a valid argument that directors might have preferred to make their films in colour, had technical or economic circumstances permitted. Although William Wyler originally wanted to shoot *Jezebel* in colour, when finally obliged to make the film in black and white he and his cameraman conceived it for that medium and shot it with the best means of their craft. To "colorize" the result at this stage, far from fulfilling the author's wishes, travesties his efforts.

Even if the results *were* aesthetically satisfactory, the argument continues, it would still be morally unacceptable to distort and destroy the results that the original directors and photographers intended, at least without their consent. The debate has sharply focused the issue of the rights of the author in motion pictures – which by and large are non-existent. The aged Frank Capra has protested unavailingly at the "colorization" of *It's a Wonderful Life*, one of the first major films to be abused. Currently John Huston is bringing an action to prevent the "colorization" of *The Maltese Falcon*, which will be a test case of major significance in the matter of author's rights.

Unfortunately morality as a rule has little chance of making headway against money; and the financial stakes are huge. The public at large goes for gaudiness and prefers pictures in colour. One of the first "colorized" films to be transmitted on American television, the 1947 fantasy *Miracle on Main Street*, proved a big hit in the ratings. An executive asked proudly: "Where could you have seen *Miracle* in prime time in black and white? As a marketing man, colorization is a marketing reason, not a fine art reason." On the video market, colour films can sell ten times better than black and white.

Vigorously leading the battle against "colorization" has been Fred Zinnemann, whose own classic works like *High Noon* and *From Here to Eternity* are under threat. His initial fears of appearing to be a solitary, aged reactionary and killjoy have proved unfounded. It seems that every creative artist in the business – even directors like Parker and Jordan who have never had the opportunity to work in black and white – is now in total support.

Even so, it is hard to see how they can beat what looks like growing into a billion-dollar industry. Legislation is a distant and uncertain prospect, though in this country a White Paper presented by the Department of Trade and Industry held out faint hope. Proposing legislation on Intellectual Property and Innovation, it advocated giving authors and their assignees and heirs the right of objection to distortion, for the entire duration of their copyright.

It would be Utopian to think that the public could be trained to discriminate between real and added colour, or to care. The danger is that new generations will grow up innocently believing that *Stagecoach* and *Citizen Kane* and *The Third Man* were always variegated.

The attitude of the television companies will be crucial. Despite the powerful opposition lobby, television companies in the United States seem so far happy to accept "colorized" films. In this country Jeremy Isaacs has led the independent companies with a statement that Channel 4 will never screen films in any but their original form. The BBC's attitude seems more ambivalent, apparently favouring a scheme of compiling a list of films which should be protected, and which the Corporation would not transmit in "colorized" form.

A listing system of this kind is dubious, however, since aesthetic values tend to change with time: 25 years ago few people would have anticipated that *Casablanca* and Laurel and Hardy would one day be revered as classics. Moreover the listing idea puts the BBC into an odd corner if it suggests that they might recognize a category of film considered too trashy to protect, but not too trashy to show.

There seems little prospect of stopping the "colorizers" dead in their tracks, given their huge investment and still larger prospects of profit. Perhaps, then, the first-stage strategy of the opposition should be to use moral pressure, and the (rather stronger) argument of the television purveyors who reject "colorization", to secure a pledge from the firms involved that every film that undergoes the process must remain freely available in its original black and white form. Without such a commitment, there is a grave danger that the original versions will disappear for ever. A number of black and white classics have already mysteriously vanished from the video catalogues.

One of the "colorization" firms is a subsidiary of the Hal Roach Studios, and the 94-year-old Roach regards with apparent equanimity the prospect of his Laurel and Hardy films blooming into colour. A couple of weeks ago however this formidable nonagenarian, lecturing at the National Film Theatre, delivered the last, caustic word on "colorization": "Every day", he said, "there are comics in the American papers. Six days a week, they're black and white. Sundays they're in colour . . . but they aren't one bit funnier that way."

Character all on the surface

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/ Yansons
Festival Hall

Having established his credentials in music of his native Russian heritage on previous occasions, Mariss Yansons ventured into the universal Beethoven for his Saturday night concert with the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducting in succession the Eighth and Ninth Symphonies. The earlier of the two was soon despatched, with exuberance and a certain swagger, and before the second was half over it was clear that character was confined to surface effects.

The urgency and sense of pace with which the Leningrad visitor redeemed Rachmaninov from sentimental excess, in his other concert with the same orchestra last week, now became the means to driving Beethoven hard and recklessly. Rhythms were rigid and stiff-backed, with no ebb and flow of phrase or expressive feeling, and with the orchestral sound often acquiring a raucous edge, not least from its doubled woodwind strength.

With the horns seated centrally at the back, and the cellos enclosed between violins and violas, the balance of timbre was often considerably changed, some strands becoming unexpectedly prominent and others submerged. Not enough was made of the variations of tempo which help to give the Adagio its reflective wonder, and the spirit of universal rejoicing summoned by the choral finale was virtually denied by its angry vehemence.

Indeed, I had the impression that the Philharmonia Chorus were being forced to anticipate Stravinsky a century later by singing words for their syllabic value rather than their sense, while the solo quartet of Elizabeth Harwood, Penelope Walker, Ian Caley and David Wilson-Johnson sounded less than secure. This corona of words designed to make articulate the music's spiritual intentions took on an almost taudry glitter after what went before.

There were passing virtues in the Eighth Symphony at the start of the programme, mainly in the perky vitality of the faster movements and the bold dynamic contrasts which brought some finely-drawn soft playing in different sections of the orchestra. At the other extreme, the only occasion Beethoven uses the triple forte marking in all his symphonies did not go unmarked.

Noël Goodwin

Yansons: driving hard

Goldsmiths Chamber Ensemble
Purcell Room

The University of London's 150th year was celebrated here with a refreshing parade of the here-and-now, rather than a veneration of ancient glories. Every note in this concert was penned in the last decade, and all by composers commissioned at some time by the music department of Goldsmiths College. The one new work was, fittingly, by the departmental boss, Stanley Glasser: a droll effort for two cellos and piano called *From Out of My BL Mini*, apparently inspired by car journeys to university meetings.

Judging from the first movement's gusty repartee, Glasser is not averse to crunching the gears a bit, but the music's general purposefulness suggested his steering is reasonable, and when he hit top speed in the third movement (if the concept of speed is compatible with a BL Mini) one could well-nigh smell the burning rubber.

The hard-working pianist here, Andrew Ball, also gave what occasionally sounded like a slightly nervous account of Edward Gregson's one-movement Piano Sonata – another energetically varied piece with some unashamed outbreaks of cheerful lyricism – while one of the cellists, Marcus Holdaway, was the assured soloist in Nicola LeFanu's hypnotic 1979 piece *Deva*. Placing the cello's descent, from reticent harmonics to full eloquence, against some shadowy instrumental sonorities, *Deva* only slightly overextended its mysterious material.

The preparation and expertise of the dozen players in the Goldsmiths Chamber Ensemble, under Edward Gregson's direction, was exemplary throughout the evening. They had opened with *At the Still Point of the Turning World*, not one of Paul Patterson's most memorable creations but certainly stylishly crafted. They closed with Gary Carpenter's exuberant musical diary of his two years in Germany, *Die Flimmerkiste* ("The Magic Lantern" – also, apparently, the name of an interesting bar in Krefeld). A surrealist procession of, if my arithmetic is correct, 67 miniature movements, it dazzled with its pungent pithiness.

Richard Morrison

DANCE

Sleeping Beauty
Covent Garden

The most enthusiastic burst of applause during Friday's performance of *The Sleeping Beauty* was for Anthony Dowell as Carabosse, the wicked fairy, disappearing through a trap-door after putting Aurora into her 100 years' sleep and leading her would-be avengers a fine old dance through the crowds. Since his début in the role last season Dowell has worked up the character to a pinnacle of sexless malevolence.

I only wish the other players all had his concentration and attention to detail, although one could hardly hope for everyone to match his skill and flair. Too many of the performers seemed to be going through set motions instead of making their roles live. Ravenna Tacker's Aurora is thoughtfully presented but still at the stage of concentrating on steps more than character. Watching her so soon after seeing Gelsey Kirkland's interpretation of the same part, I was conscious that Tucker was dancing solos where Kirkland danced a story. Tucker has shown herself before now able to learn from others, so we can hope for development. Meanwhile, she is best when simplest; cramming too many difficult steps into the coda of the wedding duet left her looking flurried.

She and Jonathan Cope brought some ardour to their duets, but she deserves suitors of more courtliness for the Rose Adagio: only Antony Dowson among the four princes showed any sense of gravitas. Several aspiring young dancers were featured in small roles. Deborah Bull and Viviana Duranti showed poise in their prologue solos; Julie Bowers and Peter Abegglen brought zest in the Red Riding Hood duet; but only Maria Almeida among the Florestan trio lived up to its demands.

John Percival

OPERA

Goya
Kennedy Center, Washington

Having been primed by a barrage of advance publicity and blinded by the surrounding social glitter, one was stunned at the insignificance of the event itself: the Washington Opera première of Gian Carlo Menotti's *Goya*. According to Placido Domingo, the evening's star attraction (onstage, that is; the media hordes showed greater interest in Queen Sofia of Spain and US Secretary of State George Shultz in the loge), the idea was his: "I asked Gian Carlo, 'Why don't you write an opera about the great painter, because Goya has always had my admiration as an artist but also as a great Spanish patriot? To be able to portray his character is a great challenge'."

A challenge wholly unmet, for his part, by the composer, who also wrote the libretto and directed. The five brief scenes scarcely amount to caricature, much less characterization. Nor is there character to be found in the score, sickly sweet and redolent throughout of Falla, Bizet, Romberg and every piece that ever used castanets. And of course Puccini. But it is dubious tribute indeed that stands the old master on his head. Whereas Puccini was able to portray fictional painters in such a way as to make us care deeply about them, his disciple has managed to reduce an actual painter we care deeply about to a nullity.

Similarly, the other characters are mere props. The hysteria that greets the death by poisoning of Goya's paramour, the Duchess of Alba, who has done little to elicit *our* sympathy, seems utterly ludicrous. But the Duchess returns, madonna-like, in a concluding apparition that reveals the point of the enterprise; what we really hear, as the empty shell of an artist voices his final apologia, is the composer-librettist's self-justification: "O Art, O beauty . . . My only truth, my only love. Pity the artist's humanity, and lead him to God's perfection." No need for courage or imagination, then, where "beauty" is concerned, and if "beauty" is what the audience wants (as, clearly, this enthusiastic one did), so much the better.

All too well matched: Placido Domingo, Victoria Vergara

Menotti's long, assertively tonal and endlessly cloying melodies, swathed in swooning string harmonies that sound hopelessly old-hat even by Hollywoodish standards, fail to display the voices in any interesting way. Indeed, except in the occasional stentorian tone, Domingo sounded almost ordinary, and thus a good vocal match for Victoria Vergara as the Duchess. The performance, conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burges, seemed well prepared for a première, notwithstanding reports that the orchestration had been finished just a fortnight before.

The staging reaches its nadir in the final scene when, before the Duchess's reappearance, sundry visions and demons come to torment the blind and deaf old painter in tawdry dances.

James R. Oestreich

Not much for our comfort

RADIO

On a couple of public appearances last week Michael Green, the new Controller of Radio 4, expressed surprise at the continuing image of the network. That stereotype, he thought, is a good five years out of date. I rather agree, though the reasons for it do linger: in the sometimes winsome tones of its presentation; in the amount of its output devoted to giving us good advice and investigating smouldering social issues. There was nothing cosy, however, about the short series which ended last night, **A Look Inside**.

Leslie Fairweather's three programmes have been examining the past, present and future of the prisons, with particular reference to Pentonville. This in its day was a Victorian model prison – a vast improvement on the more or less unregulated squalor that went before. With new building, however, went a philosophy which held that prison life should be as bad and as humiliating as possible – although this needs to be seen in the context of the society in which new prison conditions were a great deal better than much housing. How then to make prisons a deterrent?

For the second programme Mr Fairweather took us into present-day Pentonville, still all too obviously a Victorian design and for that reason hopelessly ill-adapted to modern conditions. Physical appearances apart, however, it is doubtful whether our forebears would recognize the place as a prison at all. Nevertheless they and we have one fundamental thing in common: we do not know how to turn crooks into law-abiding citizens. None of the prisoners we heard thought he would change his ways.

Very little for our comfort here then on Radio 4. And no easy reassurances either in this year's **Reith Lectures** (Radio 4, Wednesdays, repeating Radio 3, Sundays), even if I find myself more actively enjoying them than on most past occasions. Lord McCluskey, former Solicitor-General for Scotland and a Judge of the Scottish High Court, is giving an account of the processes by which judges judge: how they make and remake law, and how it is that good law to a judge may be bad law to society at large.

Where is the enjoyment in all this? Well, it springs in part from his Lordship's delivery, which combines elegance of expression with a certain very Scottish humour – deadpan but not quite. And there is also a kind of enjoyment in an account of our efforts to do justice which makes them so recognizable as essentially and typically human.

I could point to a dozen other recent programmes which by no means conform to the Radio 4 "hearth and home" stereotype, but a couple will have to suffice. Christopher Fry's was marked by an uncommonly attractive and robust **With Great Pleasure** (November 15) and an equally uncommon and attractive new play. **One Thing at a Time, Or Caedmon Construe** (November 16) told how the 7th-century poet found his voice. It was fluent, evocative of the once great Abbey of Whitby on its cliff-top, yet sparer than the Fry who once beguiled us, and maybe the better for that.

Mind you, absence of reassurance can take other forms. We have recently heard from the last of the five *Radio Times* comedy-writing competition winners. The four I listened to, with one exception (Ewart Hutton's **Brian the Wise**), depressed me very much indeed and I felt I ought to write a letter of condolence to the judges. No condolences however are required to mark the passing of **Hoax**, which mercifully tottered to a close last Friday. A pale imitation of *Call My Bluff* – celebrities tell jolly anecdotes, one of which will prove to be a fib – it started terminally ill and never rallied.

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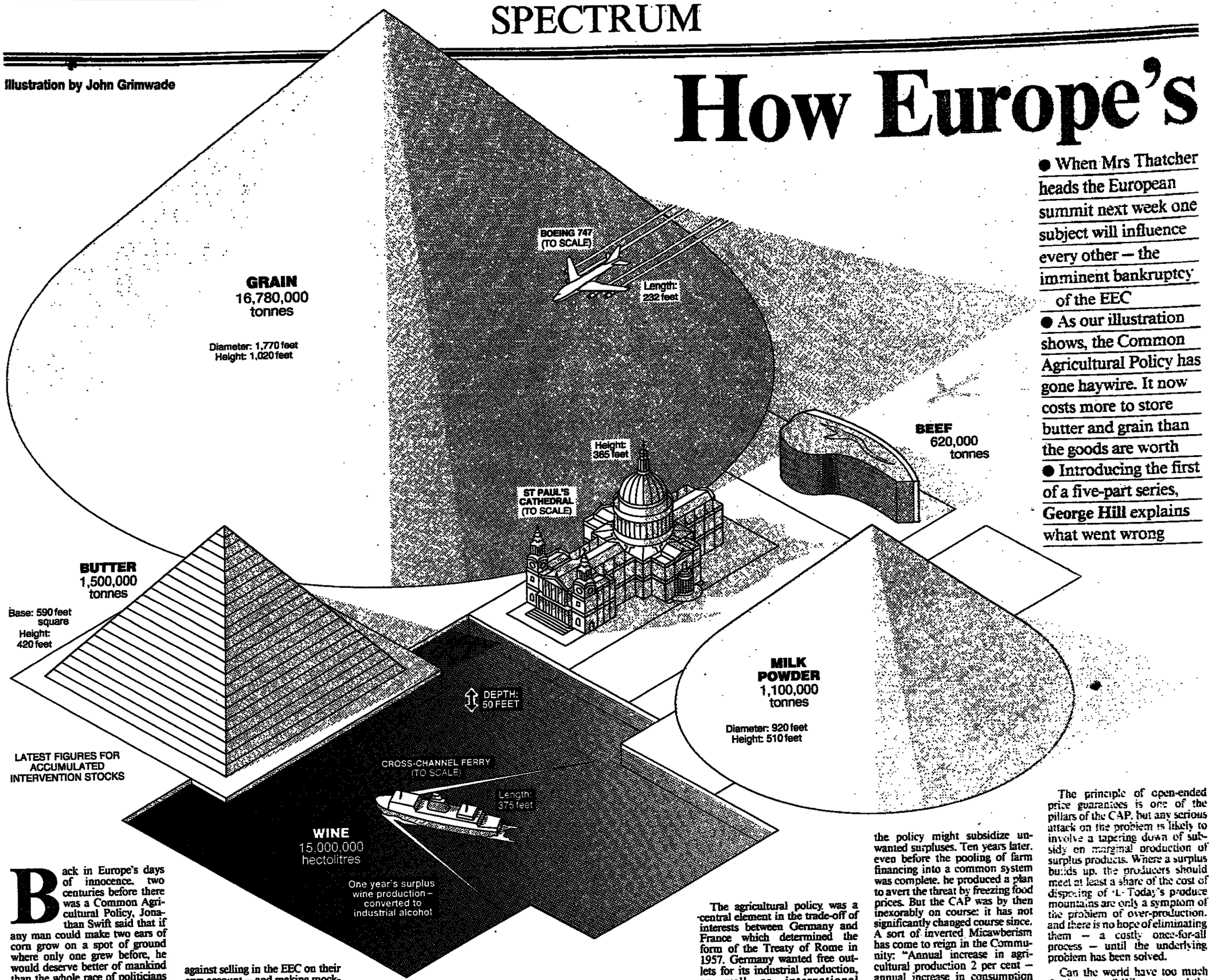

● When Mrs Thatcher heads the European summit next week one subject will influence every other – the imminent bankruptcy of the EEC

● As our illustration shows, the Common Agricultural Policy has gone haywire. It now costs more to store butter and grain than the goods are worth

● Introducing the first of a five-part series, **George Hill** explains what went wrong

MOVING MOUNTAINS

Part 1: Reaping the harvest of cowardice

Back in Europe's days of innocence, two centuries before there was a Common Agricultural Policy, Jonathan Swift said that if any man could make two ears of corn grow on a spot of ground where only one grew before, he would deserve better of mankind than the whole race of politicians put together.

The miraculous doubling of farm productivity Swift imagined has become a commonplace of European agriculture – Britain's cereal production per acre exactly doubled between 1975 and 1985, and comparable advances have been achieved with other crops. But he would not be surprised in the least to find that the politicians have contrived to turn that benefit into a monster which threatens to engulf Europe in disputes and to disrupt the agriculture of the whole world.

The CAP is an absolutely intolerable policy, and at the same time an absolutely indispensable one. Everyone involved with it knows that it cannot be allowed to go on as it is, yet it seems impossible to reform it without causing untold political, social and environmental disturbance throughout the Community. It is Europe's sacred cow, an uncontrollable cornucopia which threatens to overwhelm those who conjured it up with an unmanageable largesse of corn and beef, butter, olives and wine.

When we buy these foods in the shops, we pay prices calculated to spur farmers on to produce still more. If production under the CAP continues to rise at present rates, stimulated by a subsidy regime which guarantees a good price for harvests of any size regardless of demand, it is predicted that the unwanted surplus of cereal alone will treble by 1991, to a level equivalent to a quarter of a tonne of grain for every man, woman and child in the EEC.

Britain's gross contribution to operating this policy already amounts to six times as much as we spend on maintaining the fortress Falklands, and half as much again as the Government pays out in unemployment benefit. This year the programme which has given Europe its new geography of edible mountains and lakes is expected to overrun its budget of about £12 billion by a billion pounds, largely because of the cost of storing the rising stocks of surplus food – a cost which now accounts for not far short of half of the cost of the entire CAP.

According to the Euro-MP Peter Price the cost over-run will be more like £2 billion than £1 billion, and the annual cost of storing the unwanted stocks is not far short of their actual value on a glutted market. Some of Europe's newest millionaires have founded their fortunes on providing storage, and some of Europe's best minds have been bent to the task of getting rid of as much as possible with the minimum of cost and publicity. They have devised projects worthy of Swift's Flying Island, including one to dispose of surplus butter by recycling it back into feed for cattle (which do not care for it) – fattening them up to contribute to the beef and butter surpluses of tomorrow.

Much of the surplus is exported at giveaway prices, undercutting the efforts of producers elsewhere – who face steep tariff barriers against selling in the EEC on their own account – and making mockery of the attempts of developing countries to achieve self-sufficiency. In the long run, this process, partly pursued under the rubric of aid, may tend actually to increase poorer countries' vulnerability to famine.

Attempts have been made in the last two years to bring the policy under some kind of control, but they have not succeeded even in halting the growth of the lakes and mountains, let alone in making inroads into their bulk. Meanwhile, the cost of buying every pint of milk and bushel of corn the farmers can produce falls heavily on Europe's consumers. A House of Lords report six years ago estimated that the CAP was then adding 10 per cent to food prices in this country.

> 'Farmers have begun to forget that farming is an insecure business'

Although Britain, which has long been pressing the need for drastic reforms, is now near the end of a six months' tenure of the presidency of the EEC Agricultural Council, we have little to show for this opportunity. The bureaucrats of the European Commission in Brussels and the members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg are also committed to reform. But national self-interest, embodied in the Council of Ministers, creates an almost insurmountable political inertia.

It is not as if the farmers themselves are happy. All over Europe they are complaining as bitterly as ever, blaming the Community bureaucrats for the insecurities of their lot, which in the past would have had to be put down to impersonal factors like weather and scarcity. Every manipulation of the price support structure to mitigate the worst distortions of oversupply has the impact of a kind of artificial famine on the farmers who lose out. There is lively competition between the politicians of member nations to mould the rules to favour their countries' interests. But in most parts of Europe the historic flight from the land is continuing at greater or lesser speed, and painful adjustments are having to be made.

British farmers have suffered more than most, in the years since the boom of the 1970s. Their average incomes dropped 43 per cent in 1985, and debts incurred in more confident times weigh heavily today, though bankruptcies are rare as yet. In addition, they have an uneasy awareness that the CAP was not designed with their interests in mind. In the banking community, a fall of as much as 30 per cent in the number of full-time British farmers is expected over the next 10 years. A few have actually left Britain to farm in France, where the industry has more electoral clout than it does here, and fights for its interests more ruthlessly.

The truth is that Europe's farmers have begun to forget that farming is inherently an insecure business, subject to harsh fluctuations according to weather and demand. For all its mounting shortcomings, the CAP has achieved its fundamental purpose and brought at least a relative stability, economic and social, to the community's rural areas. It is doing this by a process which lays an increasing economic burden on the Community as a whole, and by exporting instabilities to other parts of the world. But the policy remains an indispensable pillar of the post-war European settlement. The ferocity with which its proponents repel any questioning of its Holy Writ partly reflects the emotional charge that the European ideal still carries.

And in the last resort, a rising capacity to produce food cannot really be a bad thing in an increasingly crowded world. Michael Jopling, Secretary of State for Agriculture, is quite right when he insists that the problems of the CAP are the problems of success.

But the debate is so impassioned that it threatens to become an obsession – one which, as Giovanni Agnelli, the president of Fiat, warned this month, tends to distract Europe's attention from the industrial and economic development that the EEC exists to promote. If any internal factor could threaten the cohesion of the Community, it is the reform of the CAP.

All this would have a profound irony for the original architects of the Treaty of Rome. The very purpose of the CAP was to defuse agriculture as the divisive factor that they foresaw it might be. It made an incongruous enclave within the EEC ideal. In a structure founded on the ideals of world free trade and open markets, the CAP enshrined protection, price control and open-ended subsidy. The irony is that for much of the world, the EEC today stands represented by its agricultural rather than its industrial policy – and therefore risks provoking in retaliation tariff barriers restricting free trade in industrial and agricultural exports alike. The tail threatens to wag the dog.

The agricultural policy was a central element in the trade-off of interests between Germany and France which determined the form of the Treaty of Rome in 1957. Germany wanted free outlets for its industrial production, as well as international respectability after the war; France wanted trading opportunities for its colonies and its relatively numerous peasant farmers.

The founders of the Market sought to mould European institutions into a form which would make it impossible for war to break out again as it had done twice in the century, and to fill a political vacuum threatened by Russian expansion. Their sense of urgency impelled them to start getting the framework into place as soon as possible. The CAP, growing stage by stage between 1957 and 1970, was a talisman of unity: under any other conditions, it would have grown more slowly, and in less uncompromising forms.

The war had ravaged Europe's farming, and the Depression had shown earlier how vulnerable farming could be when its customers were forced to tighten their belts. Crushing fluctuations in world prices were the norm. The EEC set out towards a regime which would protect farmers from being undercut by cheaper imports from outside when world prices were low, and encourage them to step up production and invest in higher efficiency by offering them uniform Community-wide guaranteed prices, to be met by import levies and the wealth created by German industry as it expanded to serve an open market of 200 million.

But security and incentives to efficiency accomplished miracles. As early as 1958, Dr Sicco Mansholt, the architect of the CAP, was warning of the risk that the policy might subsidize unwanted surpluses. Ten years later, even before the pooling of farm financing into a common system was complete, he produced a plan to avert the threat by freezing food prices. But the CAP was by then inexorably on course: it has not significantly changed course since. A sort of inverted Micawberism has come to reign in the Community: "Annual increase in agricultural production 2 per cent – annual increase in consumption 0.5 per cent – result, Misery!".

If Dr Mansholt could not divert the CAP from its course, Britain certainly was not going to be able to. The governments negotiating and renegotiating British entry in the Sixties and Seventies accepted it in effect as the price of entry, although it marked a painful breach with our traditional policies of buying on the world market (there was usually a buyers' market somewhere), and subsidizing our farmers directly, rather than through price guarantees. It was a policy which meant cheap food, with the burden of subsidy falling on the taxpayer, and no built-in incentive to oversupply.

Community regulations, designed to ease Europe's small peasant farms painlessly towards greater efficiency, tend to be unhelpful to British farms, most of which are already relatively large and highly mechanized. Britain contributes more to the CAP fund than it receives, and this country has a vested interest in CAP reform – but when Mrs Thatcher mounted her frontal assault on EEC funding, she concentrated on our share of the budget, leaving limited resources of goodwill behind for farm policy reform.

Meanwhile the Community has grown, and the accession of millions more relatively poor farmers needing support, Greek, Spanish and Portuguese, has turned even France into a net contributor to the fund, and hastened the day when an unreformed system would bankrupt the Community. But the farm lobby remains strong in France, and has become strong in Germany. Their farm ministers are today among the most inflexible of all opponents of change.

Change would not be simple to bring about, even apart from the lobbyists. All farmers claim that they totter along not far from bankruptcy, and some really do. Simply rewarding efficiency would penalize those who operate on the hills or in harsh climates, where a failure of agriculture would shatter social patterns. Phasing would be essential, to allow farmers to adapt. But that creates its own problems: a farmer growing corn can go into beef if the Community decides to pay farmers less for corn. Cheaper corn for feed makes beef more profitable, everyone sees the opportunity, and in no time action to stem one surplus has boosted another.

If price cuts are politically unthinkable, time and a price freeze must do the same job. Restricting output is a possibility, though a great generator of red tape. Production quotas were introduced as a desperate measure in dairy farming two years ago. They are unpopular and a disincentive to improving efficiency. As a last resort, farmers might be paid for *not* farming a certain percentage of their land – a "set-aside policy", as it is called – perhaps on condition that they took care to prevent it declining into unkempt wilderness.

The principle of open-ended price guarantees is one of the pillars of the CAP, but any serious attack on the problem is likely to involve a tapering down of subsidy on marginal production of surplus products. Where a surplus builds up, the producers should meet at least a share of the cost of disposing of it. Today's produce mountains are only a symptom of the problem of over-production, and there is no hope of eliminating them – a costly once-for-all process – until the underlying problem has been solved.

Can the world have too much food, anyway? Why not send the surplus to Ethiopia, with Europe's blessing? Much has been sent, with sighs of relief from the bureaucrats. But except in outright famine conditions, food aid can do more harm than good, as it disrupts the markets of local farmers.

> 'The major capitalist economic powers would like to be virtuous - but not yet'

The "green revolution" has enabled more and more parts of the world to become self-sufficient in staple foods, and floods of dumped EEC produce only threaten the newly-attained efficiency of farming in countries like India and Zimbabwe, as well as the prosperity of established open-market producers like New Zealand. The sad story of Thailand's short-lived tapioca boom illustrates how price-fixing in Brussels can create a gimcrack artificial prosperity in a country on the other side of the world, and suddenly cancel it again.

It is an unattractive use of economic power. The resentment of other world producers was manifest at the conference on the problem in Uruguay last month. The new United States Congress promises to take a more truculent line against Europe's protectionism. In fact, however, the US is at least as great an offender, with farm subsidies this year of $35 billion, compared with the CAP's $23 billion. American farmers are admittedly in worse trouble than European ones, illustrating that even the most lavish subsidy regime cannot entirely insulate its recipients from market forces. Japan likewise pays large subsidies to its rice-growers. Japan, the USA and the EEC all over-produce, and all unload cheap produce abroad to the dismay of local producers.

Socialist countries, convenient recipients of western surpluses, spare themselves a problem by keeping their ideology pure and their farms inefficient. But the truth is that major capitalist economic powers all find it difficult to distribute a share of the rewards of industrial prosperity to their farmers. In attempting to do so, they create world-wide market distortions which every domestic pressure serves to reinforce. They know that the ultimate answer must lie in smaller subsidies, and a balance of domestic production with demand. They would like to be virtuous, but not yet. The rest of the world will not easily forgive its wealthiest powers if they continue, for selfish reasons, to jeopardize the struggles of less fortunate countries to break through to a comparable economic security.

THE AMBITION: EUROPE MUST NEVER STARVE AGAIN

In an age when very few Europeans go hungry it is easy to forget the problems that prevailed 29 years ago, when the Treaty of Rome was signed and the Common Agricultural Policy was formed.

Between 1939 and 1945, thanks to the combined efforts of the Atlantic convoys and the Land Army, plus a great deal of research and advice on nutrition, Britain managed to feed itself. In the rest of Europe, however, millions went without food under Nazi occupation and by the time they were defeated the Germans themselves were starving. In the ravaged postwar years the leaders of Europe vowed that it should never happen again.

It was largely because of this obsession with self-sufficiency that a common market in agriculture became the dominant objective of the Treaty of Rome. The other important motive was the fact that in 1958, when the Treaty was signed, almost 16 million people in the six signatory states – France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg – were still employed in agriculture; nearly a quarter of the working population, compared with 4 per cent in Britain. The Treaty aimed to bring their living standards up to those enjoyed by industrial workers.

A third element was a kind of political bargain between France and Germany. The French needed a market for their farm produce, while the Germans, deprived of pre-war customers, needed new buyers for their industries.

The principle was that there should be free trade between member states, with a common external tariff to protect producers from outside competition. The founding fathers failed to foresee that dramatic increases in productivity would turn Western Europe into one of the most prolific food-producing regions in the world. Support prices which would ensure a modest living for a peasant family became a bonanza for those farming the fertile plains of northern Europe.

High hopes: signing the Treaty of Rome in March, 1957

food monster grew out of control

A voice that went unheard

● Dr Sicco Mansholt, one of the founding fathers of the EEC, was among the first to point out that unless some of Europe's farmland was taken out of production there would be too much food. No one listened then; they are listening now...

There was a headline many years ago in a West German newspaper that has stuck in the mind of Dr Sicco Mansholt, a tall, imposing man of 78, whose personal vision of a common policy on agriculture in Europe laid the foundations for the birth of the CAP.

"The headline read : 'This man should be killed'. They were referring to me," says Mansholt, in a voice still tinged with disbelief.

His crime was to suggest that the Community's farming population should be reduced from over 10 million to five million. Several years before, he had also said that 5 per cent of marginal (poor) farmland should be taken out of production because he could see, even then, that there was too much land around to produce the required amount of food .

He caused an uproar. Franz Josef Strauss, the ebullient West German politician, said Mansholt was crazy. "Everyone knew I was right but it wasn't politically acceptable. Strauss was just interested in maintaining all the small farms in Germany and they are still there today," says Dr Mansholt with a wry smile.

This former Dutch Agricultural Minister, who went on to become EEC Agricultural Commissioner in 1958 and President of the European Commission from 1970 to 1972, has not changed his view. His message is quite simple. The Community farmers are producing far too much, for a market that does not exist.

He says: "It's a crazy situation. We should have done something about it in the 1970s but all we did was patchwork. Now my fear is that my dream of 25 years ago will be ruined if we go on as we are."

Mansholt's dream of a decent living for farmers in Europe and to stabilize prices by offering the farmers a guaranteed price for certain products were adopted in 1960 as the fundamental principles of the CAP.

Today his blueprint for solving the present crisis by reducing the amount of farming land is firmly on the agenda. Mansholt says there is no longer any choice. But now the surplus scandal has become so acute that he believes there has to be a global reduction in cultivated farming land in Europe of 20 per cent over the next 10 years, with the farmers being compensated for the cut in profits out of the EEC budget.

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Harry Karr

Top prophet: Dr Mansholt, concerned for the future of his brainchild

'The European Community has its back against the wall'

"Scientists have calculated that we can feed the population of Europe in 50 years' time with one third of the agricultural area because of improving farming techniques," he says. "So we have to reduce the amount of land in order to cut back on production.

"If we followed this policy, it would knock one third off the cost and theoretically we could have no surpluses. There could even be the risk that we would have to import . . . and why not ? Look at the sugar situation. It's a scandal. We're producing 12 million tons of sugar a year but exporting 3.4 million tons. So we're overproducing by 30 per cent and ruining the world sugar market.

"We should cut production and go back to being an importing area for sugar. It would be much cheaper. It'll be difficult but we cannot carry on with the present patchwork policies. The Community has its back against the wall."

To meet Dr Mansholt is not to discover a prophet of doom, despite his ominous words. He still clings to his original dream. He lives in retirement with his wife Henny in a large converted 17th-century farmhouse in the tiny community of Wapserveen in the north of Holland. His whole life has been farming and even now he is writing a paper on the future of the CAP which will be aimed at those politicians whom he blames for lack of courage and foresight.

Mansholt's refusal to give up his personal campaign brings recollections of his days with the Resistance during the Second World War, when he organized food supplies for all the agents in the west of the country.

"I was nearly caught several times," he recalls, "but the great secret was to have nothing down on paper."

Today in his low-ceilinged study, everything is down on paper. He has all the figures to prove his argument that some of the options for change now being considered by the Community are flawed. The options were laid out in a Green Paper last year by the European Commission.

For example, quota systems. They already exist for sugar and milk but in each case, in Mansholt's eyes, production should be reduced dramatically — sugar by at least 20 per cent and milk by about 15 per cent. "But you can't have a quota system for cereal. You couldn't control it."

The second option is co-responsibility, the principle under which farmers must share the financial burden for dealing with surplus production.

"This is nonsense," he says. "Farmers will have no incentive to cooperate."

The third option is price reduction. Mansholt is convinced that, far from helping to cut down on production, it will have the opposite effect. "If there are price reductions for basic products like milk, cereal and beef of say 10 per cent over five years, many more small farmers will go out of business and the bigger farms will produce more and more."

'A 10 per cent price reduction would cut UK farmers' incomes by 70 per cent'

He points out that although there are more than five million farmers in Europe, three million are very small, what he calls social problem farms with no income; about two million are small but productive; and 110,000 are big, 24,000 of them in Britain.

"The big farms represent only 2 per cent of the total, yet their output is 20 per cent," he explains. "It's easy to say reduce prices but in fact a reduction of 10 per cent would mean a cut in income for farmers in the United Kingdom of 70 per cent. So a reduction in prices would immediately meet with great political resistance."

The fourth option in the Green Paper, reduction of farming area, is, in Mansholt's view, the only true option. "The point about fallowing on a global basis is that production would be reduced all round and the system could be properly controlled," he claims. "The three million social problem farms would have to be excluded but if you fallowed one fifth of the two million odd real farms, in 10 years' time you could have a balanced market."

After a lifetime spent trying to win round his fellow marketeers to his way of thinking, Mansholt is conscious of the problems that lie ahead.

"The technicians and scientists can see what is needed but the politicians have other interests," he says. "They look over their shoulders at the farmers and the electorate. So we can't do everything that would be wise. We can only do what we can to get political agreement.

"When we were setting up the Common Market agricultural policy no one believed there would be such surpluses. Today we have to get rid of the surpluses, so we have to have fallowing. I don't see any other policy."

TOMORROW

Britain's burden: riding the subsidies seesaw

Giving Russia a double helping

● Jean-Baptiste Doumeng, known as the Red Billionaire, has made his fortune from exporting surplus EEC goods but his activities are still cloaked in secrecy. Meanwhile the Kremlin need never worry about a bread shortage

At the front of the bakery queue in Kiev, a Russian housewife tests the freshness of her large black loaf. She has no idea where the wheat has come from; but she knows that the price — the equivalent of 16p — has hardly changed for 16 years. She goes home happy.

In Paris the whisper is abroad: a quantity of cheap grain is available. Among the first to hear is M Jean-Baptiste Doumeng. He tenders; his offer is accepted. No details are published except the destination of the goods. In the case of Doumeng the destination is likely to be Russia.

The grain is the result of overproduction. It has been bought in by intervention and sold indirectly through the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture. Doumeng is given a subsidy for taking the food out of EEC hands.

Again, the amount of the subsidy is not published but it is usually generous. In recent grain sales to Moscow the price has been $60 a tonne, well below the market price — and the trader pockets much of the difference. It is easy to see why Doumeng, the son of a sharecropper from near Toulouse, has become known as the Red Billionaire.

Trade experts admit that a substantial part of Doumeng's profits goes into the coffers of the pro-Soviet French Communist Party, thus subsidizing the Soviet propaganda effort in the West. The Russians gain twice.

The Commission maintains that its confidential subsidy arrangements are intended to prevent price undercutting by competitors — a commercial rather than political motive. But sources close to the Commission say there is a list of politically unpopular destinations such as Russia or Libya to which the Commission remains determined to export at cheap rates to reduce the food mountains. Syria is also on the secret list, and remains eligible for export subsidies despite recent EEC action against Damascus over its involvement in terrorism.

Doumeng, aged 66, rose from life as a shepherd to become the powerful managing director and majority share-holder of InterAgra, the most important export company of agricultural produce in Europe and the world's number one exporter of agricultural produce to Russia.

According to his own estimates, the company, which includes some 30 subsidiaries with more than 600 employees, is set to make a profit of $10 to $15 million this year on a turnover of $3 billion. Doumeng will not reveal how much he receives in total from the EEC every year. He told *The Times*, however, of a contract concluded with the Soviet Union for the sale of three million tonnes of wheat at around $80 a tonne, at a time when the EEC price was around $130 a tonne. That means that on that deal alone he received $150 million from the EEC in the form of export restitutions, plus any commission he may have negotiated.

All this is perfectly legitimate. Any exporter of EEC agricultural produce can benefit from subsidies. Doumeng has simply been cleverer than most in winning the necessary contracts. The secret? "Hard work, having the confidence of the men in the market, and applying the methods of peasantry and Marxism to international commerce," he says.

'Bread is so plentiful that Russian peasants feed it to their animals'

He has formidable contacts in the communist world, with which he has been trading for more than 30 years. He claims to be the last living Frenchman to have dined with Stalin. But he does not deal only with the Soviet Bloc. InterAgra sells a range of some 30 agricultural products and raw materials to more than 50 different countries. He is the second exporter of French wine to the US, for example. Being a communist "helps me with some," he admits. "but irritates others".

Thanks to Doumeng and others like him, the Kremlin continues to supply its population with almost unlimited quantities of bread. The EEC exported 6.2 million tonnes of grain to the Soviet Union last year, and in the current year is expected to sell Moscow another 5.5 million tonnes.

Although food shortages are still commonplace in Russia, largely due to erratic distribution, bread in general is so cheap and plentiful that many Russian peasants still feed it to their livestock in place of the more expensive feed grain. They also throw away large quantities of uneaten bread, a habit once considered bad luck.

At a popular bakery close to Kiev railway station, none of the shoppers knew that the grain in their loaves had come from the EEC, or perhaps the US or Argentina. Neither did they know that Moscow is also a regular purchaser of "aged" EEC butter — at least 18 months old — also at bargain basement prices. Some £137 million worth of subsidized butter went to Moscow in 1985, at prices of 38p a pound, as opposed to more than £1 a pound paid in the West.

Surprisingly, considering the benefits he derives from the CAP, the Red Billionaire supports its reform. He is about to propose to the Common Market that it mop up some of the main surpluses by creating a new, ready-to-eat food product out of chicken, wheat, eggs, sugar and butter, which could then be exported. He would, of course, be prepared to market such a product.

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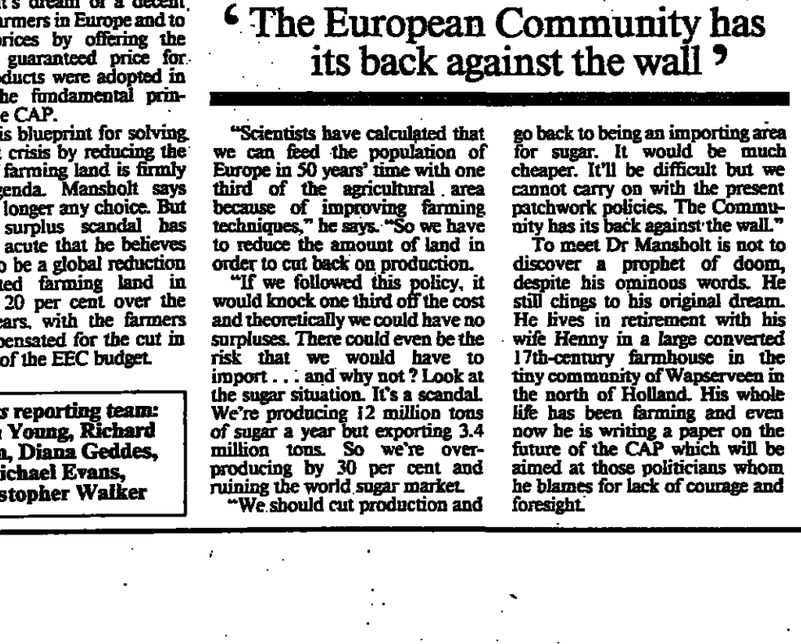
Eastern promise: Jean-Baptiste Doumeng, Marxist wheeler-dealer



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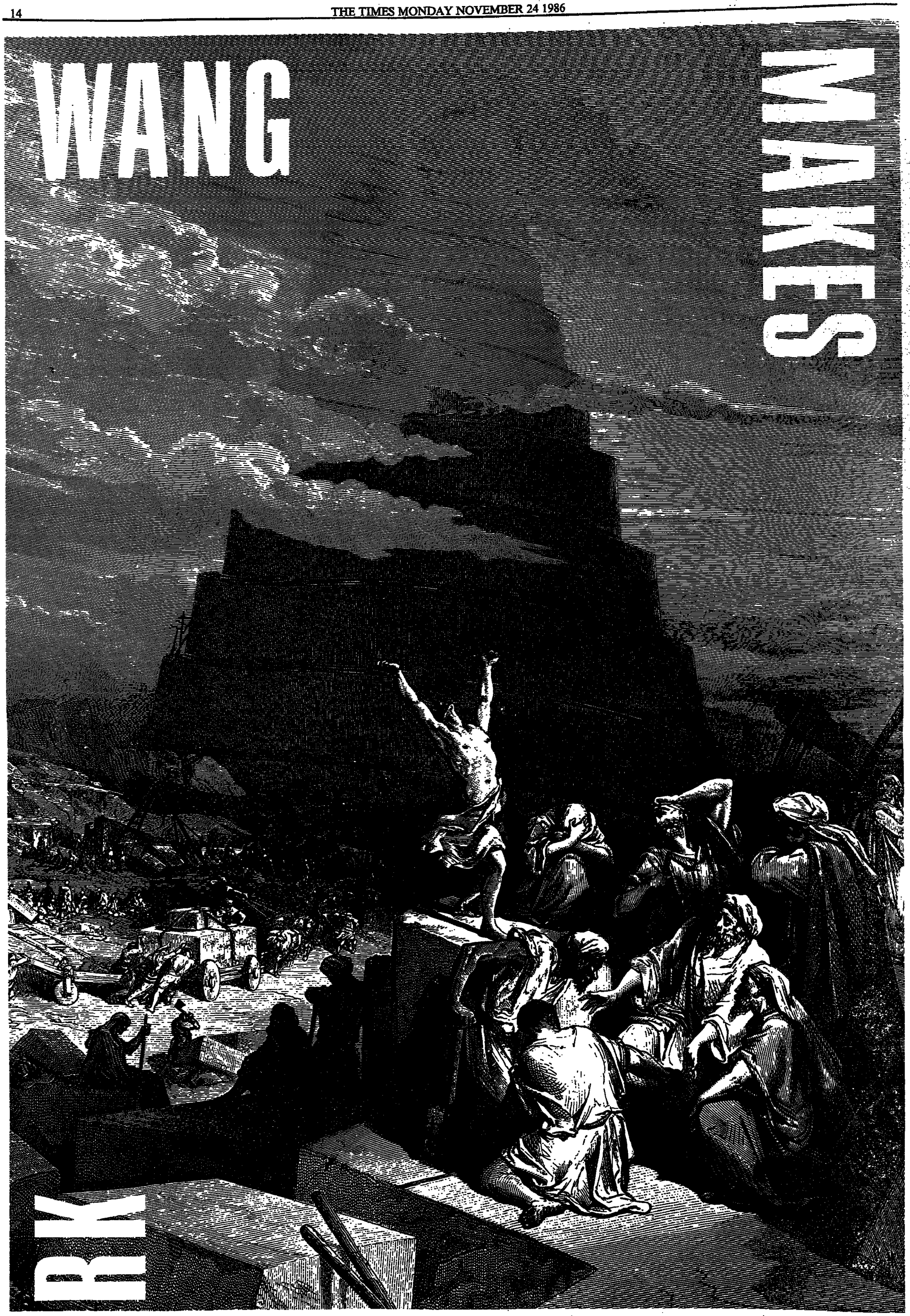

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They may lift washing machines, but women weightlifters can look as light as dancers

Pumping iron maidens

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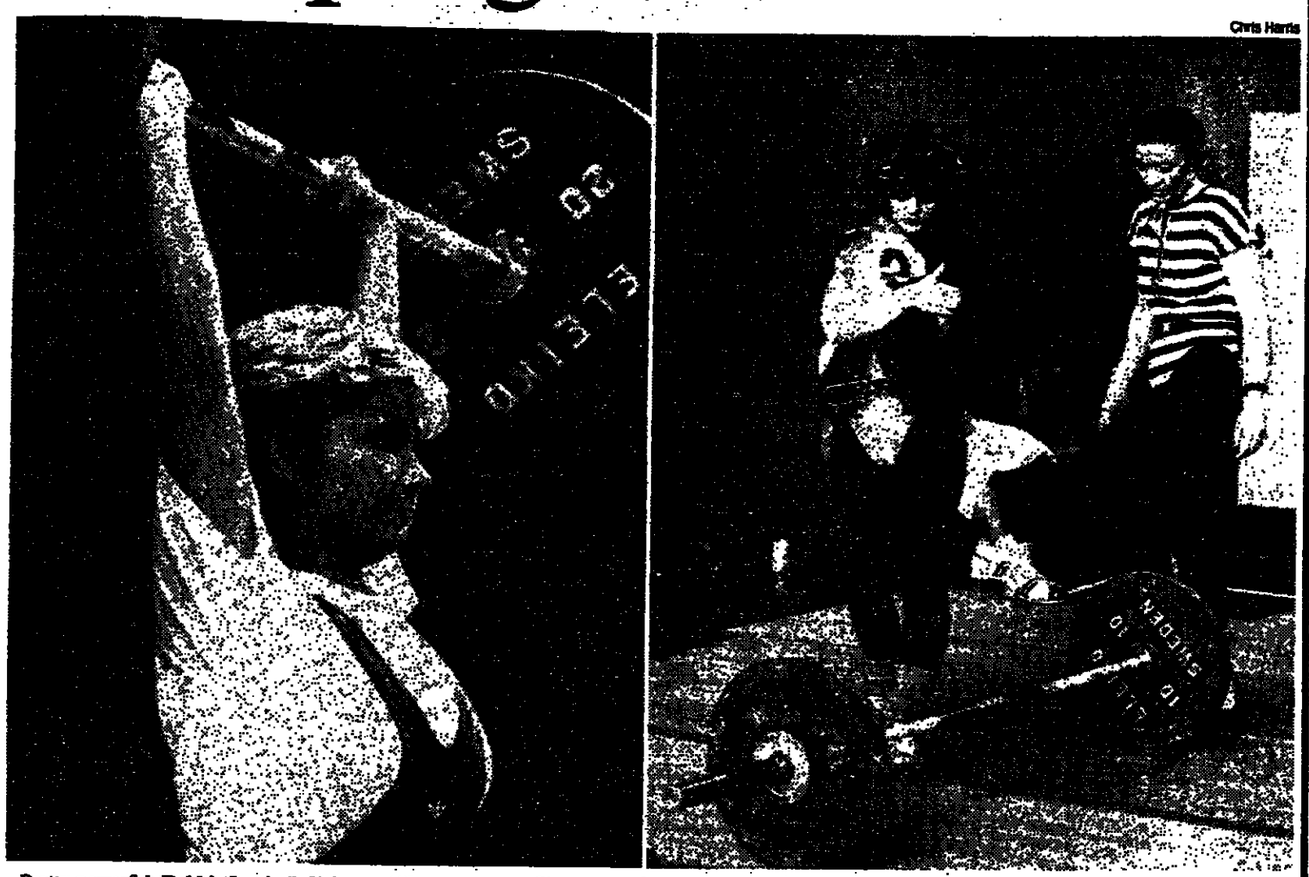

Pretty powerful: Debbie Lewis (left) in the 60kg category makes a succesful lift while in the 56kg category, Lynne Holmes contemplates the weights

The first and major misconception about women weightlifters is that to lift the equivalent of Bernard Manning you must necessarily look like him. In truth, the backstage of the national championships at Crystal Palace on Saturday looked like a rehearsal for *Fame*: leotards, satin shorts, dangling earrings and shoulders that would grace a ball gown.

Lynne Holmes even had cerise leg warmers to match the leotard she was wearing. Perhaps that isn't so surprising: Lynne, from Southampton, was a ballet dancer before she took up weightlifting.

She is a bubbly young woman who is greatly amused by the unease her hobby creates among men. Her husband, a steel erector, is proud of her, but he still won't go to see her perform.

She ate nothing for three days before the championships to make the weight — in her case, 56 kilos — and she lifted about the equivalent of Ronnie Corbett to come third in her class. She trains for 10 hours a week. "It's a great sport," she says. "And I also think it's really funny the way it amazes men."

So it does. She works as a typewriter saleswoman, and her boss was astonished and delighted to discover that she could heave the machines around without assistance. Women are even more astonished and delighted to know that since she took up the sport her bottom has shrunk.

Male weightlifters were a little guarded when women began moving in on their sport, but the championships have finally established their participation as a serious business. From the 48 entries, a team of 12 are forming a national squad to train for the world championships in Miami next year. They are hoping that in time it will become an Olympic event.

> "It may be a male-dominated sport, but you don't have to be masculine to do it well"

John Lear, who is national director of training for the sport, said it was true that there were people who did not like women in weightlifting, and regarded it as unfeminine. But he thought that they had proved they could do it.

To the chauvinist eye, they look like dancers: bigger in the thigh than most women, but trimmer everywhere else. To qualify, each woman had to be able to lift her own body-weight, and they are divided into classes by weight, like boxers. In general, they can lift about half the weight of their male counterparts. But they do bring to the sport the same grace and speed that you find in women gymnasts.

Before they went out, they paced up and down, jaws clenched, fists tight, working up the aggression that you need to lift what looks like a tractor's rear axle with the wheels left on. Some of them even gave a roar of fury when they did it. But afterwards they skipped back like schoolgirls.

They all have wonderful stories of how they have amazed men with their feats of strength. The delightful Sally Jones recalled the moment of pure joy when a workman told her to ask her husband to move her washing machine when he got back from work. Not quite with one hand, but almost, she picked it up and tossed it lightly across the kitchen.

She is 32, a PE teacher from Guildford, and on Saturday she broke three records and was selected for the national squad. She's 5ft 2in, weighs 9st and says weightlifting has completely changed her shape. "It's slimmed my thighs, flattened my stomach, rounded my shoulders," she says. "In many ways the sport is more feminine than masculine. Women are more supple and have a lower centre of gravity, which are two of the things that you need for weightlifting."

Like many of the women, Janet Lowe started weight-training to keep in trim and gradually drifted into serious weightlifting. Aged 20, and an insurance clerk from Bethnal Green, she has the sort of blue-eyed, ash-blonde looks that guarantee attention at discos. Like many of the competitors, she wore make-up, and her large hooped earrings swung as she beat to grip the bar.

At the tough end of the sport, the bigger women are, of course, hefty and muscular. But so they were before they took up weightlifting. Judy Oakes, the 28-year-old English shot put champion, who weighs around 12st, says she dropped two dress sizes by weightlifting. At the championships she broke her own record by lifting 113 kilos (about 17½st), which entitled her to be called the strongest woman in Britain.

She is keen to make the point that women can look good on the platform, and indeed she does. "It may be a male-dominated sport," she says, "but you don't have to be masculine to do it well."

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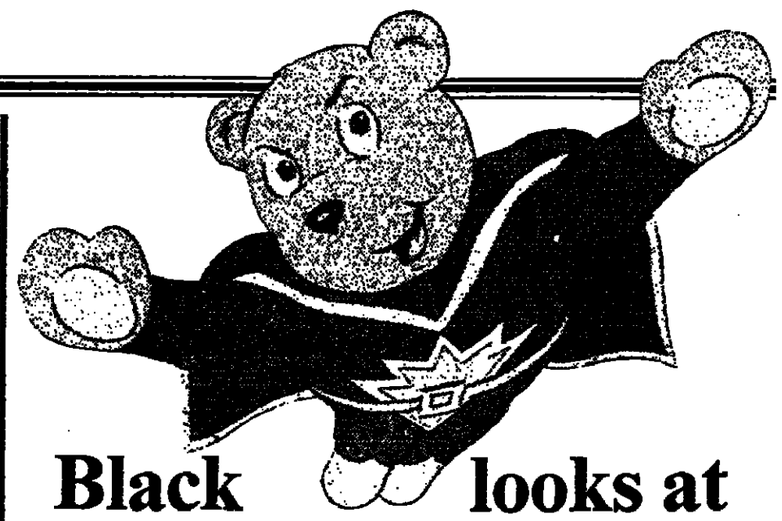

Black looks at the littlest books

Once upon a time, in a land uncluttered by "isms", a witch — as every fully-fledged youngster knew — was an exceedingly unpleasant female, with a tall black hat and broomstick, given to transforming her enemies into toads.

> The witch-hunt is on . . . authors of children's books must learn to watch their language

It was, quite simply, a matter of record, as plain as the rather pointed nose on her face, as much an established fact of childhood as the knowledge that fairies wave wands and dragons breathe fire.

These days, however, it seems that witches are more dangerous than even the most susceptible of youngsters has been led to believe.

Roald Dahl's latest children's book, *The Witches*, which has won awards all over the world and sold more than 400,000 copies in the English paperback edition, has been damned and even banned in Britain by a handful of extremists, for being sexist (due to the witches being female and nasty), anti-Semitic (due to their long noses) and an insidious influence on children who might be persuaded to join witches' covens themselves. Toadists — or, in the case of this particular book, mousists — have yet to protest, but if they do so, no one in the publishing industry will be much surprised.

Banning books seems to have become the newest national sport, with children's books being censored for reasons frequently even more fanciful than the fairy stories themselves.

Biggles, Dr Dolittle, Huckleberry Finn and even *Baa Baa Black Sheep* have all been accused of racism; the Rev Wilbert Awdry's *Thomas the Tank Engine* books have been found guilty of sexism; Billy Bunter has been booted off library shelves for being unfair to the obese.

For the children's book publishers, concerned with producing good stories that sell, it all presents something of a dilemma. With about 80 per cent of their output ending up on the shelves of school and public libraries, the rejection of a book can make a significant difference to its profitability — and attempting to produce works that appeal to both the children and their adult watchdogs would appear to be growing increasingly difficult.

Liz Attenborough, editorial director of Puffin, the country's largest publisher of children's books, feels that there is a tendency for adults to read too much into certain books. "Children who read *The Witches* read it in the spirit in which it has been written, which is as a piece of rollicking good fun," she says.

She does, however, share the concern of the protestors over some of the older books — and admits to already having done "a little tinkering with Kipling", in preparation for when the books come out of copyright next year. "Just a few 'niggers' have been taken out," she says.

One of the dangers of any form of literary censorship is the risk that in the long term it will affect the quality of the material, just as latching on to token banner-carrying can result in sub-standard stories. For many, the most disturbing aspect of the highly controversial homosexual children's book, *Jenny Lives With Eric and Martin*, is the fact that it is rather dull. "There are very few books dealing with that particular topic and therefore any book that does so is welcome," says Nigel Akers, chairman of the School Libraries Group. "Ideally, there should be a much wider choice."

It is a criticism shared by many of the publishers.

"One longs to get more manuscripts from minority communities about what it's like to be discriminated against, but I don't think that is going to come from banning books written by others," says Margaret Clark, director in charge of children's books at Bodley Head. One of the few books on her list written by a West Indian, *Sean's Red Bike*, was banned by a London library for its "colonial attitude" due to the fact that the black hero went to tea with the family of his white friend.

The fact is that while writing for children is acknowledged by the experts as being harder than writing for adults, a successful children's book is considerably more lucrative than an adult best-seller, with the potential of remaining in print indefinitely.

Britain's most successful writer of children's books, Roald Dahl, admits: "My maxim is to make the children laugh and to hell with the grown-ups."

Dahl, whose 16 children's books have sold many millions of copies around the world, is unimpressed by the increasing number of animal characters. "I don't like the idea of cuddly little things. You've got to have bite."

The main advantage of animal heroes, like the enormously successful *SuperTed* (illustrated above), is the fact that they cut through the age barriers and provide greater scope for breaking the rules.

Yet even animals come in for their share of cultural criticism. *Rupert Bear* has been banned for being racist and *Beauty and the Beast* has been blacklisted by the Inner London Education Authority, which regards the beast as an offensive negroid brown. But while such subtle — if unwitting — discrimination may ruffle adults, no one has ever proved what effects it has on the children themselves.

According to Nicholas Tucker, lecturer in developmental psychology at Sussex University, who has made a study of the censorship of children's books, there is no doubt that children *can* be influenced by books; but we don't know which books, and we don't know which children, and we don't know in what way they are going to be influenced.

"Some books are simply there to challenge preconceptions and children have as much right to have their preconceptions challenged as the rest of us."

The apparent book-banning epidemic is causing sufficient concern to the Library Association for it to draw up a 10-page leaflet which it plans to send out to local councils early next year, providing information about the powers and duties of public libraries.

"This type of censorship still only manifests itself in a small minority of cases but it's enough to be worrying," says the association's chief executive, George Cunningham. "Of course there has to be selection, but there is a difference between making an intellectual judgement on a book and being influenced by one's personal views."

Sally Brompton

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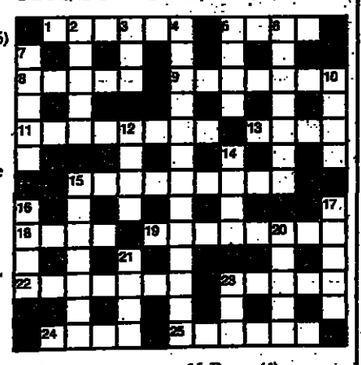

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Do bring the husband

PENNY PERRICK

Every working woman I know claims that she needs a wife. This need becomes particularly pressing on the days when the gas man swears that he can only come and fix the *boiler from Monday to Friday* between 9am and 4pm.

What every woman is deemed not to need is a husband. I have deduced that this is the case since the invitations that shower down on my head on account of my job are addressed to me and me alone, whereas male colleagues are asked to bring the Mrs.

I have no personal complaint in that quarter since I don't have a husband to my name and, even if I did, I would be bound to choose one who made a fuss about having to put on clean socks and find a parking place. But the organizations which invite me to partake of drinks and dinners and presentations do not know that I live a spinsterly existence, since they have never bothered to enquire. For all they know, I might be married to someone who collapses in grief if I am out of his sight for five minutes at a time and would take it very badly if he were left to eat beans on toast at home while I was summoned to tackle five courses plus coffee and liqueurs at Guildhall.

I do not feel that I would be altogether easy about the situation either. I know that ever since time began, businessmen have been indulging in champagne and canapés on Concorde while their wives lunched off the leftovers from the Sunday roast, and that the said businessmen never worried their prickly-barbered heads about such culinary inequality.

But women were, born guilty, with a guilt that consumes their entire being the minute they begin having a good time at work. Deep down inside we feel that the time will come when we will have to pay for the satisfaction of a job well done, the office camaraderie, the professional triumphs. This, in spite of the fact that we can see with our own eyes that male high-fliers like Lew Grade, Charles Forte and Richard Branson are the jolliest of men, and have obviously never considered that if shares in their companies go through the roof their children will accuse them of gross neglect.

The female guilt-factor is something that has to be reckoned with if women are to feel comfortable in their careers — and that's what we all want, isn't it? The first step might be to take their marital lives into account. To start with, it wouldn't hurt to ask their husbands along to official business functions.

This will call for a different code of behaviour on the part of the chairman, and chief executives. Until now, they have been able to switch on to auto-pilot on these occasions because the spouses of their employees have all been female. A "Hello, you gorgeous creature. My goodness, you're looking lovelier than ever, I keep telling old Fred he's a lucky man to have somebody like you devoting her life to looking after him", and they feel they have done their bit.

They may have to vary the routine a bit when the accompanying partners are men. But it will be worth their while. And it will improve the quality of my life, too, for I have lost count of female colleagues who have said to me: "You're so lucky, you only have yourself to think about." It brings me out in a horrible rash of guilt.

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TALKBACK

From V. Dalton, Chelmsford, Essex

Angela Huth laments that Englishwomen "don't care tuppence about the way they look", (The Lady's Not For Pressing, Monday Page, November 17). How then does she explain the burgeoning success of those high street stores which have exploited the needs of those women whose sense of style at least matches the most discerning Parisienne? How does she explain the tremendous influence that British designers, in particular female designers, have had in fashion since the start of the decade? Ms Huth suggests that Englishwomen are "staggeringly unobservant"; I suggest that her criticism begins at home.

From Alison Guest, Lerags, By Oban, Argyll

Barbara Amiel's article "New taboos for old values" (Wednesday Page, November 12) discussed anti-heterosexualism and breast-feeding in public — a mystifying and unfortunate coupling of subjects. The article raised the question: why does Ms Amiel, who professes to be a believer in "genuine human rights", object strongly to a six-month old baby joining in the luncheon party? Surely the outbreak of new puritanism is not so retrograde and shortsighted as to encompass breast-feeding?

No, stranded tube trains and snowed-in buses are not the only places where a baby *needs* to be fed in public. Lack of facilities in planes, boats, trains and buses, and, of course shops and restaurants, plus the unpredictability of a baby's hunger, necessitate many such, albeit more discreet, feeds.

Mothers too have rights and needs, including the one to function socially throughout the months (or years) of lactation. Or perhaps Ms Amiel would like to advocate the introduction of purdah?

THE TIMES DIARY

Invasion of privacy

Winston Churchill is still bewildered at coming fourth in last week's annual ballot for private member's bills: he did not know he had entered. It seems that his name had been put forward without his knowledge, even though he had said he would not enter this year after his failure to get his Obscene Publications (Protection of Children) bill on to the statute books. He has his suspicions as to the guilty party but is not letting on. What cause he will support remains to be seen, but late lobbying by pressure groups will be of little avail, for he flies to Oman today.

Seconds out

Picture the embarrassment at an Orange culture evening organized by the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association in Londonderry when the prize of a clock, made by a Protestant prisoner in the Maze prison, was won by BBC religious affairs producer Terry Sharkie, who was covering the gathering. Worse still, the winning raffle ticket was pulled out of the hat by Tyrie's reporter, Malachi O'Docherty. The final insult – both are Catholics. Unsurprisingly, the room rang to cries of "Fiennian fix". The clock, which for six years hung in pride of place in the UDA headquarters, now ticks away in the BBC offices in Londonderry.

Size no bar

It comes as no surprise to find the legal profession failing to practise what it preaches. In a recent letter to *The Times*, Robert Egerton of Egerton Sandler and Co deplored the practice of briefing counsel to appear in small claims cases in which the cost of legal fees outweighs the value of the claim. One such litigant, Peter Inman, would agree whole heartedly but for one small point; the firm of solicitors acting against him has just briefed a barrister over a claim for £250. The firm? None other than Egerton Sandler and Co.

● The girth of Richmond and Barnes Tory MP Jeremy Hanley has not gone unnoticed in the programme for this year's Commons v Lords swimming match; it describes him as "the only human to receive a dividend from Save the Whale."

All right, Jack

One City company's plans to make a killing out of the Big Bang have come to the notice of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. County Unit Trust Managers, a subsidiary of NatWest, sent 60,000 potential clients a "letter bomb" – a cardboard device which springs open on being removed from the envelope. One irate recipient exploded and sent it to the boys at the Yard, who tell me they are looking into the matter. A spokesman for the company said the only reported damage had been the odd breakfast cuppa sent into orbit.

BARRY FANTONI

'I'm not lying, Dad, honest – just being economical with the truth'

Aisle be damned

When the British reggae band UB40 played to 12,000 people in Moscow a few weeks ago it invited the audience to dance in the aisles. The British press reported that the interpreter, true to the official frowning on such self-expression, translated this exhortation as "Please stay in your seats". Even odder, the current issue of *Soviet Weekly*, the Kremlin paper for foreign consumption only, tells the same story, albeit a bit late. Could this be another sign of Gorbachov's media "liberalization"?

Battle pill

As part of their combat gear, British soldiers are now carrying packs of pills to help them survive a gas attack, according to the authoritative American publication *Armed Forces Journal*. And it says that scientists at Porton Down are constantly working on improvements. Although the use of gas is prohibited by international convention, the journal says Britain is not taking chances because of "the many thousands of gassed soldiers who died in agony on World War I battlefields, or soon after the war."

Hot numbers

Antique dealers were puzzled to find an item in the latest *Antiques Trade Gazette* inviting readers "to advertise stolen goods". Could this be a new service to make it easier for thieves to offload their ill-gotten gains? The answer is no. The ad is aimed at theft victims who hope to track down their prized possessions.

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Boesky echoes over Iran

by George Will

Washington

If, as is said, there is nothing like a calamity to take your mind off your troubles, the Reagan administration can console itself with this thought about the mishandling of the aftermath of its Iran misadventures: no one is talking about the budget deficit.

The misadventure now has the familiar attribute of Washington's consuming obsessions. The result of attempts to put it to rest is a growth in the number of questions about it.

A presidential speech and news conference have been devoted to it, and all they have accomplished is to put the President on the edge of a precipice. He seems defensive, evasive, ill at ease – in short the one thing he of all leaders dare not seem: out of character. We may be about to see realized the potential volatility of public opinion that has been fixed on an intensely personal affection for a president's personality.

Today the nation's mind is ambivalent, unformed – soft wax ready to receive fresh imprints. One political commentator has noted that 20 per cent of those who voted in the midterm elections earlier this month did so in eight states that elected four Democratic and four Republican governors while in each case choosing a senator of the other party. Another clue to the country's mood is that nine of the new senators have served in the House, one has served there and in a cabinet office and three others have been governors. The electorate is tired of amateurism and craves competence.

The Iranian episode radiates incompetence – in its substance, execution and apologia. This, after the Daniloff affair and the summit fiasco, has encouraged this judgment: the aides now in close contact with Reagan are the least distinguished such group to serve any president since the war.

The nation's disposition regarding Reagan may be quite changeable, not because the nation is unusually volatile but because of the nature of Regan's relationship with the nation. After the loss of the Senate, his aides and supporters deflected the suggestion that he is a lame duck, arguing that no one enjoying such a high job-approval rating, and a personal popularity unrivalled since Eisenhower, can be lame.

But the botching of Iran policy will take a toll unless he and his administration quickly put an end to the truculence, sophistry and score-settling among rivals trying to keep their skirts clean, and grudging over-lawyered explanations.

The presidency, constitutionally, is an inherently weak office. There is little a president can do on his own except sway the country and so move Congress. Thus, the power of the presidency, unlike, say, the power of the office of the British prime minister, varies substantially with the qualities of the occupant. And the power of a particular president can vary radically with swings in the public's perceptions of him.

What caused scalding criticism of Reagan from some usually sympathetic persons during the Daniloff affair was the words-mean-whatever-we-choose abuse of language: The swap was no swap, the summit not a summit. Similar intellectual corruption has seeped into administration statements about Iran, evasive statements that have been too clever by half concerning who US officials are dealing with in Iran and why.

Public revulsion about this may be magnified by the coincidental eruption of the Boesky scandal on Wall Street. The political climate, it has been argued, can be conditioned by the echo of one event in an unrelated event, and vice versa. Evidence of bad judgment and bad faith at the centre of government may soon mix in the public mind with a Niagara of evidence of corruption at the symbolic centre of the private sector. The public is apt to be made uneasy by a vague sense of enveloping malpractice in important institutions.

To insulate itself from this, the administration needs to try candour, which means acknowledging serious mistakes. But it may be too late for that.

Congressional hearings begin this week on the Iranian fiasco. The focus will almost certainly be on procedure. Why were the appropriate congressional committees not informed? Why were experts in the bureaucracy bypassed? Senator Patrick Leahy has complained: "They were running the State Department, the CIA and the Defense Department out of the basement of the White House without any kind of congressional oversight. And they end up with a disaster."

The one success

Is that really what caused the disaster? The National Security Council can, of course, be tamed. But it is precisely because the CIA was so tamed, and its secrecy compromised by the need to notify a leaky Congress of even the most sensitive operations, that presidents have entrusted their most secret dealings to the NSC.

The problem with the Iran negotiations was not the secrecy. Indeed, the secrecy, lasting for 18 months, was its major, its only, achievement. The problem was the policy itself. Change the structure to prevent a McFarlane fiasco in Iran and you prevent a Kissinger breakthrough on China. In the Iran negotiations, it was not the structure that was at fault but the people responsible for the botch.

Charles Krauthammer

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Bernard Levin

The evil some men do is born within them

Paula Youens

Our century has seen enough massacres, pogroms and exterminations to turn the seven seas red with blood. But even among a list which includes Stalin's slaughtered millions and the Holocaust itself, a peculiar and unique horror still clings to the genocidal madness of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. It certainly has one distinction: they murdered a larger proportion of the population than any of their competitors. (An equivalent proportion in Britain would number eight million.)

The story has been told many times (most memorably, perhaps, in the film *The Killing Fields*), and it has recently been told again in a book called *Cambodian Witness* (published by Faber). It is the autobiography of a Cambodian who went through the nightmare, and woke to find it true; his name is Someth May, and his story is edited and introduced by James Fenton. Please read the following extract: not because it is the most dreadful thing in the book – there are episodes far worse – but because the point I want to make turns upon a particular aspect of it.

Comrade Tek . . . had worked himself up into a rage. He approached the pile of struggling monkeys [he had broken their arms and tied their feet together], and killed them one by one . . . with a blow to the back of the skull . . . 'And now,' he said, 'I'll show you the way I used to kill the Lon Nol soldiers when we caught them, and the way to get the liver out.' He laid the last monkey flat on the ground . . . He made a cut to the stomach. Then he pressed hard on the incision with both hands. The monkey screeched. The liver came out whole. Comrade Tek then slit the animal's throat. He said, 'If it had been a man, I would have put my foot in the cut to get the right pressure – otherwise the liver never comes out properly.'

Reviewing the book, in the *Guardian*, Salman Rushdie finished like this: " . . . how can men become like Comrade Tek? I don't know the answer . . . But the terrible lesson of our century is that *it isn't difficult*. I could be Comrade Tek. And so could you."

It is Mr Rushdie's conclusion that I wish to examine, for I do not believe it is true. I do not believe that Salman Rushdie could become such a man as Tek, and I do not believe that I could, either. I do not believe that, in societies like ours, perhaps in any society, more than a very small number of people are like Tek, or could become like him.

I can do, and have done, many bad acts; hurtful, harmful, inexcusable. So have we all, other than the saints. We could all do things worse than we have done already, and under intolerable pressure we could do worse still; I know that if I were tortured to reveal information that would lead to someone else's death, I would not have the strength or fortitude to resist. There are other kinds of pressure, too, less direct but more insidious. Choose your own – money? power? flesh? – and while you are choosing tell me whether if the Devil offered you all the kingdoms of the earth you, too, would say "Get thee hence, Satan". It has just occurred to me that I have in my time broken a majority of the Ten Commandments, and of the ones I have not broken, I could not swear that I am incapable of adding them to the list, not even "Thou shalt not kill".

We are all sinners. In certain circumstances almost all of us could rob, perjure, do violence on another. Some could do these things more easily than others; there are graduations of badness. But there is a gap in the spectrum; and almost all of us, including Salman Rushdie and me, remain on the safe side of the gap, and always will, while Comrade Tek and a handful more are beyond it.

But this is not simply a fact, without antecedents or progeny; it enshrines two enormous and vital truths. The first is that some people are evil; *are* evil, not *are made* evil. The greatest and most dangerous lie of our time is that we are *solely* the result of our upbringing, our milieu, our physical surroundings, our schooling, our degree of affluence or poverty, our employment or employment prospects, our social or familial relationships and our sex lives, along with the weather, the threat of war, other people's smoking, Sellafield and the Freemasons.

I said that that is the most dangerous lie; wherein is the danger? In the determinism to which it leads; the effects of that determinism can be seen all round us, and the most pernicious of its effects are the condonation of guilt and the dismissal of responsibility. When there is next a riot in Toxteth, Bristol or Broadwater Farm, who will dare to say, amid the deafening chorus of exculpations – unemployment, sub-standard housing, racism, police brutality, – that some people have a propensity to criminal behaviour by reason of what they wish to be, not of what has been done to them?

In any urban riot in this country, those doing the rioting are a small minority of those who live in the area of the riot; the peaceable majority, however, live in the same conditions as the violent few, and are therefore subject to the same riot-inducing pressures. Why do they not join in? But to ask the question that way round is already to surrender; let us ask, instead, why do the rioters riot? The correct answer is: because they want to. But that answer is never given. For that matter, why do you think that almost all talk of the drug problem is couched in terms of the peddlers and pushers, who are seen as uniquely evil figures because they thrust their poisonous wares into the hands of their victims. "Victims"; what do you suppose would happen if we started to refer to them as accessories?

If our era needs an epitaph, and it may need one sooner than it thinks, how about "It's not our fault"? For assuredly the now dominant ideology may thus be summed up. It is no longer fashionable, of course, to rely on Freud for an excuse; Marx is much more comprehensively satisfying. But amid the satisfaction responsibility dissolves.

And I believe that Mr Rushdie's argument – that we could all learn to do unspeakable evil – is only the other Janus-face of that state of affairs. No doubt we all have in us the impulses which, if given rein, will lead us into real wickedness. But most of us do not give those impulses rein, and we refuse to do so because we think that doing so is wrong. Some people, however, do not mind doing wrong, if it means they can get hold of somebody else's wallet. We call these people wrong-doers; or rather, we used to call them wrong-doers, but we are more likely today to call them underprivileged.

I ask again: are we or are we not responsible for our own lives? I think we are, and one very important part of that responsibility is ensuring that for us it is not, as Mr Rushdie says, easy to become like Comrade Tek, but impossible.

We do have a choice, every minute of every day. I said that the inability of most people to behave like Tek bears witness to two great truths. I have dealt with one of them – the fact that some people are evil and don't mind a bit; but the other is more important. It is this: the inability to do great evil comes as much from our own will as does the propensity to steal, assault and burn. If we do not become Comrade Tek it is because we decide not to, just as we stab a policeman because we feel like it.

Yet we cannot leave the argument there, for there is the most tremendous question of all to be asked, though not answered. It is: Why do most people, given the choice of being good or bad, choose to be good? Whatever the answer to that question, it is an eternal reproach to Comrade Tek, and a no less enduring assurance that nobody has to be like him.

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Hindley's freedom gamble overtrumped?

The police search on Saddleworth Moor for two other possible victims of murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley is the result of a contest between a man with nothing to lose and a woman with everything to gain. The stakes are brutally simple. On Hindley's side, release ; on Brady's side, to prevent it.

Only they know what really happened 20 odd years ago, of how many other children or old men were done to death, and where they are buried. It is a trump card which both have played in the last week; and Brady may have played it decisively.

This is how the recent drama is seen by former armed robber John McVicar who escaped from Durham jail's high-security wing in 1968 and, after recapture two years later, reformed and took a BSc. Since release in 1978 he has made a succesful living by writing.

Brady was in Durham jail at the same time as McVicar. During a riot, when the prison offices were taken over, McVicar read his file, and has taken a strong interest in the case ever since. Unlike academic penologists, he speaks from first-hand experience of the emotional attitudes of prisoners serving long or indeterminate sentences - "lifers."

"There are two sorts," he says. "There are those who hope to work their ticket by convincing the authorities they have really changed. Only that way will they be released early on licence. The vast majority of lifers fall into this category, and Myra Hindley is one of them.

"The other group – far fewer – is made up of the 'no-hopers' who know they will not be released come what may. Ian Brady falls into this category."

The fact that Hindley has hopes of ultimate release and Brady does not has led to a growing estrangement between the former lovers and partners in murder, McVicar suggests, amplified by Hindley's well-publicised decision some years ago to "reform". For her "reformation" involved not only conversion to Catholicism, the cultivation of people of influence such as Lord Longford, taking an Open University degree and presenting herself as remorseful and penitent. It involved off-loading on to Brady as much of the blame for her crimes as possible. And Hindley was all Brady had.

"For several years after starting his sentence the mainstay of Brady's existence was his relationship with Hindley," McVicar says. "He wrote all his letters to her – I read a number of them – and he periodically went on hunger strike to try to persuade the Home Office to let them marry. When she broke away from him he intially watched impassively but then he gradually turned to subverting her game. He disparaged her religious conversion, he scorned her friendship with Lord Longford, he reproached her for not taking her punishment.

"He knew that he couldn't get out and, by telling about the other bodies, he could stop her getting out too.

"Had Hindley played her cards properly she should have come clean completely at the time of her conversion. It would have given her a powerful hand and perhaps a chance of release, some ten years on, which would be about now. But, no doubt calculating it would harm her chances, she played safe and did not tell. She calculated wrongly. Her mistake was in believing that Brady would never reveal anything to implicate himself in other murders.

"A year ago, after 21 years, Brady took up this trump card and told a reporter there were other victims on the moors. By not giving the reporter exact details, he ensured that it would all be long and drawn out. Brady wants Hindley playing; he doesn't want to end the game.

"Now that Brady may be telling all, Hindley has had to do something herself, so she is almost coming clean. She is identifying where the bodies are buried. But she has indicated, naturally, that her knowledge comes only because Brady showed a compulsive interest in visiting those spots, not because she had any part in the deaths.

"Her statement that she was suddenly moved to co-operate by the letter from Keith Bennett's mother is unbelievable; there have been many appeals to her before to tell what she knew and she ignored them all.

"When they find the bodies, there will have to be a trial or, at the very least, an inquest. Either way, it is difficult to see how responsibility for the murders will not be laid on both Brady and Hindley. Apart from the weight the authorities will give to this in any future consideration of her case, Hindley has now been exposed as a duplicitous player in 'working your ticket'."

McVicar's conclusion is one Lord Longford might care to ponder. "In effect," he says, "she joins Brady as a no-hoper."

Michael McCarthy

Michael Meadowcroft

When justice is at fault

The motion by a number of Conservative MPs urging the restoration of the death penalty for acts of terrorism coincides with the publication of evidence casting doubt on the validity of the conviction of 17 men and women for IRA bomb attacks in Birmingham and Guildford in the mid-1970s. Had the death penalty still been available it is highly likely that the 10 found guilty of murder would have been hanged.

They have now been in prison for more than a decade. In that time, they say, others have confessed to the crimes. Any open-minded person who reads two recent books on the subject* must conclude that Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, should order their cases to bere-examined.

I do not intend going into detail on the validity of the confessions or circumstantial contradictions but to consider why it is so difficult to secure official action after the new evidence. One difficulty is the lack of agreement on the most suitable type of process. I understand that some, if not all, of those convicted do not wish simply to be given royal pardons – even if that were to be thought an appropriate response – on the grounds that, after all this time, they want evidence to be heard in public and thereby public recognition of their innocence.

But it is probably impossible to have a satisfactory retrial after so long. Perhaps some special commission of investigation *before* reference back to the Court of Appeal is the best method.

It would be intolerable if Hurd were to use the lack of an established process of review as a reason for delay. The question of principle he faces must be whether or not the evidence warrants examination. The method to be used could then be determined on pragmatic grounds.

The greatest difficulty, however, lies in the implications for law enforcement of even daring to admit the possibility that the police need illegitimate means to extract usable confessions and that our judicial structure is inadequate to discern a miscarriage of justice on such a huge scale. According to the two books, not only could 17 individuals have been convicted in error, and given long sentences, but those guilty of the bombings may still be free.

These implications were clearly appreciated by Mr Justice Bridge in his summing up in the trial of the six Irishmen convicted of the Birmingham bombing. If they were telling the truth, he said, the police had been involved in a conspiracy "unprecedented in the annals of British criminal history." He went on to point out the depth of collaboration between two police forces that would have been required to fabricate such perjured evidence.

I doubt whether anyone outside the police can really appreciate the pressure they come under to assuage public outrage after vicious crimes such as these. Arrests are imperative.

The police deserve, and by and large receive, public support in their work but the difficult and delicate question for each MP and member of a police authority is what to say and do when it appears that they have acted reprehensibly or responded inadequately over a matter of serious public concern.

I was a member of the West Yorkshire Police Authority during the Yorkshire Ripper inquiries. Some members were legitimately critical of certain aspects of the investigation, particularly the myopic reliance on the infamous "Geordie tape" and letters. But the question over which we agonized was whether to voice those opinions outright during the intense public anguish over the continuing murders.

As it happens I said nothing until the case was solved, but I am far from sure that was right. I did however have no such inhibitions afterwards when the obsessive secrecy about the reports into the conduct of the case seemed to me to be completely unjustified. Even then, when I and another Liberal colleague put our names to a statement, we had to endure considerable criticism and even harassment from both Labour and Conservative members.

Policing cannot be a secret, unaccountable task. Even under our present checks and balances it can lapse into abuses of power that at best make the innocent citizen reluctant thereafter to assist the police and at worst result in physical abuse. I find a small but growing number of people otherwise disposed to support the police who have been alienated by some minor incident. I do not believe that the police understand the dangers of such a cumulative feeling. Usually such matters are not considered worth complaining about officially and the complaints are in any case often to do with attitudes and therefore technically unprovable.

The police response to such comments is often defensive and negative. The standard reply is: "We are under pressure; you give us an impossible job; you don't give us the resources we tell you we need; and then you criticize us for doing our best." I sympathize with such feelings but reject the implication that our duty is to support whatever senior police officers say. That road leads to a beleagured and resentful police force emerging from its bunkers only in armoured vehicles.

I take the view that a misplaced reluctance to expose police practice for good or ill actually fosters the worst suspicions and is of no benefit to the police. I believe that Sir Robert Mark's determination, when Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to root out corruption and malpractice enhanced the Met's public image. That example should be heeded by the Home Secretary and his advisers. Even better would be public support for a review of the Birmingham and Guildford cases from the four chief constables involved.

We need to develop legal machinery able to assuage concern about possible miscarriages of justice. It ought not to depend on investigative writers, however compelling their books.

* Error of Judgement, *by Chris Mullin, is published by Chatto and Windus* and Trial and Error, *by Robert Kee, by Hamish Hamilton. Michael Meadowcroft is Liberal MP for Leeds West.*

***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

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SHELVING THE FUTURE

Autumn hints about tax cuts have a mixed history. Cabinet-level rumours at the end of 1984 of a possible £3 billion off income tax in the next Budget achieved only a New Year run on the pound. Last year, the Chancellor used the preferred practice of reducing expectations, though in the end he managed a penny off the standard rate. When he appeared before the Treasury Select Committee last week, Mr Lawson made it clear that his aim of a 25 per cent standard rate will not be reached in his 1987 Budget.

This was implicit in the arithmetic of the autumn statement. Spending plans for next year have been raised by £4.75 billion, roughly the cost of cutting the four points off income tax needed to achieve the target. Both the Chancellor and the Prime Minister have made it plain that borrowing targets are not to be relaxed. So , as the Chancellor clearly and correctly put it, a pound more on public spending is a pound not available for tax cuts.

It is more a reflection of a long tradition of pre-electoral elasticity than of Mr Lawson's own record that financial markets did not believe a word of this at the time of the autumn statement. On that occasion, the Chancellor understandably did not specify the tax implications of paying teachers more and allowing for more local authority capital spending.

Sceptical currency dealers assumed that, through some helpful change in presentation, room would still be found for the elusive tax cuts. Following the glossing over money targets, the Chancellor's delay in raising interest rates to support sterling and the apparent *largesse* on spending, cynics at home and abroad scented a retreat on fiscal discipline to come. Consequently, sterling has been under some degree of pressure ever since.

The Chancellor's reassurance is welcome. It was addressed to a wider audience, in tandem with a repeated confirmation that, however the Prime Minister might muse, he is not prepared to see the pound drop below its current level of about 68 on the Bank of England's Sterling Index. This has already had a mild effect on the exchanges.

In the middle of a consumer boom, there is no case for a rise in borrowing to finance general income tax cuts, even on old notions of demand management. Fiscal management of demand, indeed, was discredited precisely because, in practice, higher government borrowing stemmed from a political failure to balance the books.

If the Chancellor's proclamation of self-discipline is welcome, however, the need for it is not. The Government has not wanted public spending to rise. It will go up because the Treasury is now taking a realistic view of past failures of control, and because open-ended benefit spending (as well as special measures) reflect past failures over unemployment.

The problems of control over local authority capital spending were highlighted by the Public Accounts Committee last week. Its report demonstrated how unsympathetic authorities had used their discretion to concentrate cuts on the maintenance of schools, roads and housing. The Government has now proposed alternative methods of control. But perfection is impossible so long as there are such startling mismatches between local discretion and local taxation.

But tax cuts are not simply a route to political popularity that may temporarily get a lower priority. They are, as Opposition parties still fail to recognize, an economic necessity to improve incentives and to loosen the economic constipation that still grips Europe.

President Reagan's tax reforms have shifted the targets of tax reform worldwide. By comparison, as Mrs Thatcher noted last week, our top rate of 60 per cent now looks almost as bad as the the 83 per cent inherited in 1979. And if excessive taxation at the lower end of the scale does not threaten such an immediate brain drain, it fundamentally hinders productivity and employment prospects.

Hopes of general Budget tax cuts should not be abandoned yet. For Mr Lawson's desire to trim expectations last week was as strong as his need to reassure markets. Buoyant tax revenue should allow borrowing targets to be met in the current fiscal year despite an overshoot in spending. If that trend can convincingly be projected ahead — as today's new forecast from the London Business School suggests — sound finance and lower income tax rates might still go hand in hand. The LBS calculates that, on current revenue trends, the standard rate might be cut two points to 27 per cent. The degree of leeway, if any, will again determine whether the Chancellor aims for the headlines, or puts the emphasis on more modest but carefully directed measures. Either way, tax reform and tax cuts must not be put back on the shelf yet again.

SAD CYPRUS

Mr Rauf Denktas will return to Turkish Cyprus tomorrow, leaving behind an increasing number of people in Britain who believe that his island's problems are insoluble — for the time being anyway. This is not to say that it is entirely his fault; indeed there are those who would say that it is not his fault at all. It is rather to regret the lack of political will in either Cypriot community to bridge the gap between them.

Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, has presented three sets of peace proposals in less than two years — so far to no avail. The first initiative in January 1985 collapsed because President Kyprianou, the island's Greek Cypriot leader, felt unable to accept it as it stood. A second draft several months later was agreeable to him, but not to Mr Denktas and the Turkish minority. The third, earlier this year, tried to steer a path between the two but succeeded only in pleasing one side (this time Mr Denktas again) but not the other. While President Kyprianou has not exactly said "no", he has not said "yes" either — and has made it fairly clear that he will not do so.

The proposals for a federal solution to the island's troubles are in difficulties not so much because of what they include as because of what they do not. Greek Cypriots complain that they do not deal effectively with three key issues: guarantees for the island's future integrity; the three "basic freedoms" for all citizens to move, work and settle wherever they want; and the withdrawal of Turkish troops and settlers from mainland Turkey. It is the last of these which Greek Cypriots regard as a *sine qua non*. How many troops remain from the invasion force of 1974 is in itself a matter for argument. The Turks say there are 17,000, the Greeks that there were 25,000 until recently, since when the number has considerably risen.

The latest UN proposals provide for a series of working groups to sort out these remaining issues — including a timetable for troop withdrawals — once the draft agreement has been signed. President Kyprianou and the Greek-speaking community are, however, refusing to accept this because they do not trust the Turks. The latter, they contend, would find some excuse to veto the arrangements once the present Greek government had been disbanded, and the troops would remain. The Ankara government would then be able to influence affairs through its intimidating military presence.

Certainly Mr Denktas spiritedly defends the need for Turkish troops, pointing to the attempted Greek Cypriot coup which prompted the Turkish intervention in 1974. Meanwhile, he has used his British visit to demand official recognition by London of his Turkish Republic of Northern Cyrpsus (TRNC) which declared itself an independent state in November 1983, with himself as president. Britain is unlikely to grant this particular wish, so Mr Denktas will have to resign himself to leaning on the government in Ankara for some time.

The UN Secretary-General has said that, left to himself, he could settle the Cyprus question in an hour. Two of his aides were recently sounding out Messrs Kyprianou and Denktas separately in an effort to explore more common ground. One possible first step would be for Turkey to reduce its troop level in the North to a brigade size force of about 5,000. That should be enough to instill confidence in the Turkish Cypriot community and would at the same time be a demonstration of good faith towards the Greek community in the South. At the same time, President Kyprianou should signal his preparedness to accept such a concession as the kind of token he requires.

Both communities say they would rather have no agreement at all than a bad one. This sounds sensible enough. But the longer the present deadlock continues, the more difficult it will be to break it. Certainly the Greek Cypriots recognise that time is onthe side of Mr Denktas, if only because it helps him to consolidate the TRNC.

As a member of Nato, with its own sovereign base areas in the South and its radar station atop Mount Olympus, Britain has a plain interest in an amicable settlement. There would seem to be little hope of this in the near future, however, unless the two communities can be persuaded to accept the kind of compromise outlined above.

NOT IN FRONT OF THE CENSORS

It is a commonplace of political theory that although censorship requires very powerful justification where adults are concerned, it can be employed much more readily for the protection of children. What is startling about recent reports of school and local libraries banning certain children's books, then, is not the fact of censorship but its character.

Obscenity today, in the suspicious imaginations of school and local library censors, is the obscenity of racism or sexism and is located in books like *Huckleberry Finn, Dr Doolittle* and *Biggles*. In today's *Times* for instance, Sally Brompton cites the case of Roald Dahl's very popular book, *The Witches*, which has been banned by some libraries because, among other grounds, witches are a sexist concept.

Yet a child, much more wisely, would surely note that the least interesting thing about a witch is that she is a woman. Witches can fly on broomsticks, cast spells on lovely princesses and turn children into toads. No child is likely to confuse such a fantastic figure with the Modern Woman. And insofar as children have a choice in the matter, they would probably prefer to spend time with the former. Indeed, a sharper feminist perspective would single out witches as desirable role models for the liberated schoolgirl.

To see a witch mainly as an unpleasant woman reveals an imagination which has programmed itself to notice only sexism or racism and to ignore everything else. It is hardly surprising that such an imagination would regard *Huckleberry Finn* as a racist novel. For there is racism in the book. Huck himself is a good-natured, easy-going, racist scamp who regards the slave Jim, as he regards all black people, as just an ignorant nigger. But when on their journey down the river, Jim shows himself to be stronger source of help and a kinder friend than Huck deserves, Huck realises the foolishness and wickedness of his earlier contempt.

Remove the early racism from Huck, however, and you remove the anti-racist message. You also remove the core of a magical and moving story. It would become little more than an entertaining picaresque novel.

From such guardianship children need to be protected. The growth of their imagination might be stunted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Front-line instability in Africa

From Major-General Sir John Acland

Sir, Mr Zinkin (November 15) is right in saying that Pretoria's campaign of destabilization mounted against neighbouring states is the most damaging threat to peace and progress in that troubled area. It is hard to understand what benefit even the South African regime expects to gain from it.

I have just returned from Zimbabwe, where I had talks with Mr Mugabe and other leaders with whom, as Commander of the Commonwealth Monitoring Force, I had negotiated during the elections and transition to independence in 1980.

Mr Mugabe reviewed the situation in remarkable detail and with the frankness one expects from him, but also with notable moderation; and the logic of his analysis of present difficulties was devastating in its clarity. The support he now so evidently and almost universally enjoys in Zimbabwe must be the envy of political leaders elsewhere in the world.

From these meetings it is clear to me that one of the major problems confronting the front-line states is the increasing pressure from the Mozambique National Resistance on the road, rail and pipeline links through Mozambique to the coast. The defence of these vital facilities is already presenting Zimbabwe with heavy and increasing financial costs and a major commitment in terms of men and equipment. Indeed, it is easy to envisage that though they could meet the manpower bill, the costs of maintaining even the present level of operations will rise beyond their resources. The problem of external credit is, of course, the limiting factor.

The British military advisory and training team are doing an admirable job and one that is much appreciated by their hosts, but help in terms of logistics and, particularly, ammunition is now also needed.

To deny this assistance would seriously jeopardise all the achievements of the British Government in 1979-80 and the immense progress made subsequently under Mr Mugabe's leadership.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ACLAND,
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November 17.

Sudeten expulsion

From Dr Harry Hochfelder

Sir, To say, as you did in your obituary for Dr J. W. Bruegel (November 20), that the Germans of Czechoslovakia were treated "with indiscriminate suspicion and hostility by the re-established Czech regime" in 1945 is an understatement.

Would it not be more correct to call the brutal and indiscriminate expulsion of three million Sudeten German men, women and children, who were deprived of virtually all their belongings and of whose number some 250,000 perished in the process, by its proper name, i.e., genocide?

It was most unfortunate that Dr Bruegel and his small group of followers gave unconditional support to Dr Benes during the war, because this helped Benes to deceive the British and United States governments about the scale and the inhuman aspects of his expulsion plans.

He pointed out time and again that his measures were merely directed against the Nazi elements among the Germans of Czechoslovakia and even had the support of some democratic Sudeten Germans.

As a result of this the efforts of Wenzel Jaksch, the leader of the democratic Sudeten Germans in exile, to draw the attention of world opinion to the monstrous crime against humanity which Benes was preparing, with Stalin's support, were frustrated and his protests went unheard.

Yours faithfully,
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Prison contrasts

From Mr Marek Garztecki

Sir, I read with interest (Obituary, November 17) that the Nazi criminal, Erik Koch, died a peaceful death in a Polish prison in a cell "lined with books bought with money sent from abroad".

Your readers may be interested to learn that many Solidarity activists have been imprisoned in the same Barczeweo gaol as Koch, except that they were beaten, locked in punishment cells without adequate food. For months not only were books withheld from them but also the right to receive correspondence from their families.

It would appear,therefore, that the communist authorities of the Polish People's Republic feel more sympathy with former Nazis than with the workers of their own State.

Yours sincerely,
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Appealing to youth

From Mr Mike Harskin

Sir, Few young political activists are recruited by any of the parties on the basis of slick advertising techniques, contrary to the impression in your Spectrum article of November 18. These are aimed at the wider audience of young voters rather than the potential members.

The conscious effort by Alliance by-election managers at West Derbyshire, Newcastle - under - Lyme, and most recently in Knowsley to treat young voters with the seriousness their predicament demands was rewarded in votes of around 42 per cent, considerably higher than the meagre ratings the Alliance achieves in the same age range in national opinion polling.

In contrast, the evidence from actual voting tends to prove that "Red Wedge" concerts and the like are counter-productive and reinforce a natural apathy towards any politician of any political party offering youth a credible package of policies.

The only emphasis is one of "change" and "voting for change". Hence, the by-election success by Liberals and the large majorities enjoyed by Labour amongst 18-24 year-old voters in national polls.

The interesting questions, which research by *The Times* itself has supported, are why young people are so apathetic towards *all* the political parties and politicians and the basis on which perceptions of the different parties influence young voters where the reality is strikingly different.

Yours sincerely,
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Practice nurses

From Miss C. Martin

Sir, With reference to the report, "Lives at risk as untrained nurse made smear errors" (November 6, later editions) I would like to add some comments.

Practice nurses undoubtedly need education for their specific role in the surgery/health centre. Educational opportunities are available.

Unfortunately, while secretarial/receptionist staff are specifically named as being able to apply for some funding for training under the NHS General Medical Services Statements of fees and allowances (section 52.9), practice nurses are not.

Their only claim for financial allowance may be either for health authority-approved courses or for courses attended with their employing general practitioner.

While not underestimating the need for joint educational initiatives, there needs to be a clarification of these statements with specific reference to practice nurses.

Yours faithfully,
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Future of N Ireland

From Mr Michael Toner

Sir, I suppose that those of us with Irish and Gaelic roots ought to sympathise with A. T. Q. Stewart's anguish (feature, November 15) over the "tyranny" being imposed on the Unionists of Northern Ireland.

We had nearly 50 years, after all, in which to explore the frustrations of living under a government which ignored the norms of democracy as a matter of routine. Perhaps we understand the current miseries of the Unionists better than they imagine. Yet it is they who now hold the key which might enable both communities in the province to escape their sectarian wretchedness.

The powers now held by the secretariat at Maryfield are capable at any time of being returned to the people, provided only that the Unionists can bring themselves to deal with their fellow citizens as necessary participants in a common venture.

Isn't that what the restoration of democracy ought to mean? Or do all the attacks on the Anglo-Irish Agreement merely reflect a hankering for the return of Unionist triumphalism?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL TONER,
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Taking advice

From the Leader of Arun District Council

Sir, If the use of external management consultants (John Butterfill, November 8) is the solution to economies in the running of shire county and, indeed, shire district councils, life as a councillor would be simple.

Reality is somewhat different. It is not the task of councillors to supervise departments. Their duty is to determine policy, to set budgets, and to review performance. To achieve this needs determined leadership and political will on the part of members. It is vital to have clear objectives set out by a policy group for the period of office of the council and to see that chief officers understand these objectives.

My authority has reduced its manpower from 780 to 680 since 1979. We are contracting out as many services as possible, hopefully anticipating Government legislation. We have saved £300,000 by contracting out the refuse-collection service — in-house it cost us £1million. We have slimmed our support and service operational costs by 30 per cent, reallocating the money to extra services, and overall we are spending 3 per cent less in real terms than four years ago.

We have set up free-standing quasi-commercial support groups for technical and office services. Departments may use the private sector if these groups are not competitive. They only survive, like any other enterprise, by making a profit. The results are first-class.

We have certainly used consultants on many occasions, but with discretion and the awareness that one may merely get a confirmation of the *status quo* if the right brief is not set. Our success can perhaps be measured in part by the number of other authorities who seek our advice and are using us as consultants.

Yours faithfully,
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BBC managing art of change

From the Deputy Director-General of the BBC

Sir, Your leader (November 20) referred to today's broadcasting debate being about the management of change, an art in which British institutions — parliamentarians as well as broadcasters — still have much to learn.

In the last year the BBC has negotiated a reduction in its permanent staff of some 2,000. There have been no strikes — there has been no disruption to production of radio or television programmes.

Many services, formerly provided within the BBC, are now provided by the outside market. The doors are being opened to independent producers. Regional broadcasting in England has been completely reorganized. The Langham headquarters has been emptied in six months and is for sale.

The commercial activities of the BBC have been restructured and executives recruited from industry. Super Channel, the satellite service to Europe, is about to be launched with the active support and encouragement of the BBC but without any capital investment. The Domesday discs, which embrace new video disc technology, will be launched next week.

In short, we feel the BBC knows a little about the necessity and art of managing change. Broadcasters inside and outside this country ask me to talk about it. I wonder why!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHECKLAND,
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Slice of wild life

From Mr Lyell W. Fairlie

Sir, I read with interest Miss Crawford Poole's recipes for dealing with pheasants in last Saturday's *Times* (November 8) but was surprised at her opening remarks, namely, "Many a pheasant one meets these days has such a slender acquaintance with the wild that its lifestyle is closer to poultry than game".

I am not aware that any pheasants are bred in this country on an intensive basis purely for the table and indeed the ex-shoot price, at around £3 per brace, would make it totally uneconomic for a game farmer to produce them for this purpose.

Pheasants are normally released to the wild during the summer, and up to 50 per cent will be shot during the coming season. This is a slightly higher percentage than would have been the case pre-war, but your readers might wish to know that until the latter part of the last century pheasants were a relatively rare occurrence in our countryside and it was only with the development of the modern shotgun and the commencement of rearing on a large scale that they became plentiful.

In conclusion, it would seem to me that pheasants today are just as accustomed to the wild as they were in the days of our great grandfathers.

Yours faithfully,
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Royal rats

From Mr Iain Thornber

Sir, In the event of the Sandringham rat-catchers failing to rid the royal park of its unwelcome visitors by conventional methods, as "Fourth Leader" (November 15) implies might well be the case, then may I be permitted to draw to their notice two other means of expulsion which were known to their contemporaries in the early royal courts of Scotland?

Firstly, by establishing a herd of goats in the vicinity of the problem. Rats detest goats, at any rate they do not infest or even appear in a house where one is; doubtless the strong smell of the goat is too strong even for them. A number of goats wandering at random through the royal bushes might well induce Mr Rat to move off and perhaps even discourage the initial perpetrators of the trouble.

Secondly, by the recitation *ex tempore* of an incantation of expulsion. Rhyming and satire were in vogue against rats in Scotland and also in Ireland of old; reference is made to some such proceeding in Shakespeare even. In January, 1853, the Reverend Dr Todd read a paper on this subject to the Irish Academy and introduced the tale of Seanchan, chief poet of Ireland, who pronounced such a rhyme.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN THORNBER,
Knock House, Morvern,
Oban, Argyll.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 24 1917

This operation was the breaching of the Hindenburg line by the 3rd Army on November 20. British tanks had been tried out at Arras in 1916, but this was the first mass attack, with more than 300 medium tanks. The impetus was later lost through heavy rain and the strength of the German counter-attack.

GREAT BRITISH VICTORY.

BYNG STRIKES ON THE RIGHT.

FIVE-MILE ADVANCE.

HINDENBURG LINE BROKEN.

A BATTLE OF TANKS.

8,000 PRISONERS.

... The outstanding feature of the main operation has, of course, been the brilliant share borne in the success by the Tanks. From the moment when they went forward at daybreak on November 20, terrifying the enemy infantry and breaking a way through successive belts of wire for our men to follow, they have always been in the forefront of the advance. They have not only cleaned out trenches and strong points with their machine-guns, but have thrust into defended villages and occupied and held them, and have even charged and taken batteries of heavy guns.

The air was so thick in the semi-darkness of early dawn that only those who actually took part in the attack could see what was happening, but from men who were in it I hear that the spectacle, as the lines of Tanks went forward, with the Commanding-General's flagship in advance, was magnificent. "It looked," said one informant, "just like a ceremonial parade." How it looked to the enemy we can only conjecture from the way the enemy ran.

Like all operations nowadays, this had been carefully rehearsed in advance, and the infantry pressed on in worm-like waves immediately behind and with the Tanks, and went through with ease what five minutes before had been inpenetrable barriers of standing wire, and they did it almost without casualties. It is a fact that the aggregate casualties in the first advance across the Hindenburg Line in three neighbouring battalions of which I know was a total of five men wounded.

One of the points where the enemy defence was strongest was Lateau Wood, which, besides machine-guns, was held by batteries of field guns and 5.9's. A Tank does not mind machine-guns, but field guns and 5.9's are different. In this case, however, a Tank deliberately charged a battery of 5.9's, butting its way through between two guns, then turning down the line and killing or scattering the crews, so that the battery was silenced and captured. With other Tanks it then picketed a wood and held it till infantry came in.

Twelve Tanks went into Marcoing, each with a designated point to take and hold, and it is believed that every one of the 12 reached its post. At the bridge at Masnières I told in an earlier message how the first Tank went overboard. Apparently, however, it merely went through the bridge not being strong enough to support it. The water, fortunately, was not sufficiently deep to submerge the whole machine, and the crew crawled out through the manhole. The Tank lies there now, protruding above the water. In the village of Ribécourt the Germans considerately bolted, leaving uneaten breakfasts behind, which the Tank crew ate.

TANKS AS STRONG POINTS

Some of the Tanks engaged were veterans of many fights, but there were also some which were in action for the first time, and all did very well. It was the first appearance on the battlefield of the Tank which went alone into the village of Cantaing before the cavalry got there. Some Tanks broke down from mechanical difficulties, but where they did so most of them were enabled to do useful work as stationary strong points, for a Tank with its machine-gun makes a better redoubt than does a German concrete blockhouse. Some were knocked out by enemy fire, at point blank range, of a battery of field guns.

The casualties, however, were not heavy, and it is in accord with the fine traditions of the other Services that these should have been largely among the officers. When any difficulty arose requiring someone to go outside, it was always the officers who went and offered themselves as targets to the enemy snipers. . .

Compulsive viewing?

From Mr Michael R. Hopkins

Sir, Over five years ago I decided to live without a television and since that time, twice a year, the licence authority have sent me a letter asking why I do not have a licence.

Initially I duly returned the form, advising that I do not possess a set, and then grew tired of what I felt was harassment and didn't feel it incumbent upon one to report in perpetuity to such an authority.

This year the situation has become ridiculous: I am now getting a personal visit by two people from the licence authority, one in February followed by a letter in April, and another personal visit just yesterday.

Yours sincerely,
M. HOPKINS,
Flat F, The Beeches,
11 Welcombe Road,
Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire.
November 12.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 22: The Duke and Duchess of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon from India.

A memorial service for Professor Noel Coulson will be held at the University Church of Christ the King, Bloomsbury, at noon today.

A memorial service for Sir Godfrey Llewellyn will be held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Cardiff, at 2.30pm today.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mrs G.T. Banks to be Registrar General for England and Wales from November 30, in succession to Mr A.R. Thatcher, and to be also Director of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

Sir James Cleminson to be Chairman of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and the Professions Allied to Medicine, in succession to Sir John Greenborough. Sir John Herbecq to be deputy chairman.

Birthdays today

Mr Ian Botham, 31; Mr Lynn Chadwick, 72; Mr Billy Connolly, 44; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 66; Lord John-Mackie, 77; Mr David Kossoff, 67; General Sir Richard Lawson, 59; Professor Sir Claus Moser, 64; Mr Alun Owen, 61; Mr Graham Price, 35; Miss Vivien Saunders, 40; Mr A. J. Sylvester, 97; the Right Rev F. S. Temple, 70.

Latest wills

Sir John Serocold Paget Mellor, of London W1, chairman of Prudential Assurance, 1965-70, left £1,795,8119 net.

Other estates include:

Adams, Mr Reginald Victor, of Redditch £429,245

Enstace, Mr John Henry, of Alvescot, Oxfordshire £460,359

Garbutt, Mr William Thrale, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne £325,329

Peat, Mrs Margaret Murray Carlyle, of Taunton £355,472

Marriages

Mr A.E. French and Miss C.M. Towneley

The marriage took place on Saturday at St James's, Spanish Place, between Mr Arthur Edmund French, younger son of the late the Hon Bertram and Mrs French, and Miss Charlotte Mary Towneley, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Towneley.

Mr T.J. Burmester and Mrs R.M.D. Grinke

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 15, at St Mary's, Hardington, Yeovil, between Mr James Burmester and Mrs Rosamund Grinke.

Mr B.P. Higson and Miss P.E. Fry

The marriage took place on Saturday, at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, between Mr Barnaby Higson, son of Mr Douglas Higson and the late Mrs Higson, and Miss Polly Fry, daughter of Mr Jeremy Fry and Mrs John Fairbairn.

The bride was attended by Kate Strutt and Sophie Topley. Dr Adrian Weston was best man.

Mr C.M.F. Newton and Miss C.L. Darby

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 22, at St Mary's, Lutterworth, of Mr Christopher Newton, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Newton, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Miss Louise Darby, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Darby, of South Kilworth, Leicestershire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Newton, Domelza Hughes, Rosie Forshall, Alice Young, Anthony Collett and Harry Melsom. Mr Paul Parsons was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in the Grenadines.

Christening

The son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Dagnall was christened Nicolas Phillimore by Dom Martin Haigh, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Fulham, on Saturday. The godparents are Mr Steven Neol-Hill, Signor Fiorenzo Schincaglia, Mr Nicholas Woodhead, Mrs Michael Nolan and Miss Rosie Reid.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: R Trussell, MOD (London), 6.2.87; P F Wason, SACLANT, 18.2.87; A G G Wolstenholme, MOD (London), 6.1.87.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: R C Telfer, RNH Plymouth, 24.2.87.

COMMANDERS: I A Bolger, MOD (London), 16.4.87; I McKechnie, Staff of FOF3, 13.6.87; P J Simmonds, Staff of FONAC, 31.3.87; A J S Taylor, Intrepid, 15.6.87; C G Trail, MOD (London), 5.5.87; T E Woods, Staff of Capt SCC (London Area), 27.4.87

Retirements

COMMANDERS: S Shaw, 23.1.87; E White, 17.1.87

The Army

BRIGADIERS: C J Bowden, a DA Appt, 29.11.86; M R I Constantine, to be Comd 8 Inf Bde, 28.11.86; P E Woodley, to be Comd 24 Inf Bde, 27.11.86; J J J Phippa, to be Comd 11 Armd Bd 26.11.86.

COLONELS: H Bond, MOD, 3.12.86; W I C Dobbie, 3 Armd Div, 28.11.86; K J W Goad, COD Donnington, 24.11.86

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: E B C Aitken RAOC, to be CO Trg Bn & Depot RAOC, 24.11.86; E L Barrett RCT, to be Comd Tpt & Mov HQ Londist, 24.11.86; G J Barrett R Signals, to be CO 22 Sig Regt, 24.11.86; S A Coltman R Signals, to be CO 38 Sig Regt 24.11.86.

Retirements

General Sir Thomas Morony late RA, 11.11.86; Major-General J Crossley late RA, 21.11.86; Major-General T B Palmer late REME, 27.11.86; Brigadier J Lee late RRW, 30.11.86; Colonel H E P Colley late QDG, 1.12.86.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS: P T Squire to RAF Cottesmore as Stn Cdr, 28.11.86; R C Humphreyson to RAF Brawdy as Stn Cdr, 28.11.86; J Mackey to RAF IDHT, 24.11.86.

WING COMMANDERS: B Lester to HQ AFSOUTH, 28.11.86; A V E Hawken to RAF Honington, 28.11.86; Q M B Oswell to MOD CVE, 28.11.86; P E Moules to HQSTC, 28.11.86; F G Plain to HQ 18 Gp, 28.11.86; I P G Loughborough to MOD, 24.11.86; M S Taylor to RAF Staff Coll, 24.11.86; J D Trussler to HQ 11 Gp, 24.11.86; A S Blunt to HQSTC, 24.11.86; B G Bate to HQ AFNORTH, 24.11.86; W D M Fletcher to MOD, 24.11.86; J Robinson to RAF Swinderby, 17.11.86; A B Clark to HQSTC, 17.11.86; M C J Collenette to Navy Dept, 17.11.86.

Orthodox churches moving to heal the great schism

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The world's 14 Orthodox churches have edged closer towards the holding of an Orthodox ecumenical council - the first since the great schism 1,100 years ago - after reaching unanimous agreement this month on important issues of discipline and policy.

The need to provide coordinated answers to new questions posed by the Orthodox clergy and laity, as well as by growing inter-church relations, prompted an initiative by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, which has primacy of honour, for a Grand Council of the Orthodox Churches as a sequel to the ecumenical synods of the first millenium after Christ.

The Orthodox recognize only the first seven of the 20 ecumenical councils. The eighth council, which confirmed the schism in 869, can be ratified as such only by the next council.

Representatives from the 14 Orthodox patriarchates and autocephalous churches have so far held three preparatory rounds to consider essential issues and formulate common positions which the grand council would be invited to ratify without much deliberation.

At their last meeting in Chambesy, near Geneva, the Orthodox representatives set new criteria for fasting, defined policy on the dialogue for Christian unity and ecumenical relations, and outlined the Orthodox view on world peace, race relations and human rights.

They agreed, for instance, that each church would be free to set its own rules on fasting within the limits established by earlier ecumenical councils. The Russian Church opposed revision probably because of its difficulty in communicating with the faithful by means other than the pulpit.

The Orthodox churches reaffirmed their determination to pursue their dialogue with other Christian denominations, as well as within the World Council of Churches, but condemned the ordination of women as well as proselytism, for long the main points of friction with the Western churches.

Other essential issues to be tackled at the next two pre-synodal conferences include the Orthodox diaspora, the criteria for church autonomy and the order of precedence of the Orthodox churches.

The Chambesy meeting was attended by representatives from the ancient patriarchates of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch (Syria), and Jerusalem; the patriarchates of Moscow, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria; and the autocephalous churches of Georgia, Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland. Together they have a following of about 150 million people.

Dinners

Environmental Cleaners' Company

The annual ladies dinner of the Environmental Cleaners' Company was held at Painters' Hall on Saturday, Lady Porter, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Brian Barclay, Senior Warden, and Mr Alan Berry, Junior Warden. Mr Eric Green and Sir Godfrey Taylor, Chairman of the London Residuary Body, also spoke.

Japan Society

Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, entertained members of the Japan Society at dinner in the House of Commons on Saturday. The principal guests were Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP, and Mrs Jenkin, Mr S. Saba and Mr Y. Wakumoto. Among others present were the Ambassador of Japan, president of the society, and Mme Yamazaki, and Sir Hugh Cortazzi, chairman, and Lady Cortazzi.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Professor Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and Lady Macnaughton, received the guests at the annual dinner of the college held on Friday, November 21. Earl Jellicoe, the principal guest, proposed the toast of the college, to which the president replied. Dame Alison Munro replied to the toast of the guests proposed by Mr S.C. Simmons, junior vice-president of the college. Othe guests included:

Countess Jellicoe, the Burmese Ambassador and Mme Tin Tun, Dr Aileen K Adams, Miss Margaret G Auld, Major A Beak, Dr and Mrs Thomas Bewley, Mr and Mrs L Black, Professor and Mrs John Forfar, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Dr and Mrs Iain Macdonald and Dr Rosemary E Rue.

Service dinner

Royal Gloucestershire Hussars

The Duke of Beaufort, Honorary Colonel of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, presided at the biennial dinner held at Badminton yesterday.

Memorial services

Lady Traherne

The Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan and the High Sheriff were present at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lady Traherne held in Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday. The Bishop of Llandaff pronounced the blessing and the Dean of Llandaff officiated.

Lady Merthyr and Canon Geoffrey Rees read the lessons and the Right Rev Derrick Childs gave an address. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff and the Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council also attended.

Professor Dame Helen Gardner

A memorial service for Professor Dame Helen Gardner was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Rev Brian Mountford officiated. Mrs M. Moore, Principal of St Hilda's College, and Mr D.M. Stewart, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, read the lessons and Mr J.B. Bamborough, Principal of Linacre College, gave an address.

Sir Norman Chester

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University was represented by Lord Blake, Provost of The Queen's College, Oxford, at a memorial service for Sir Norman Chester held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

Deaconess Helen Cunliffe, Chaplain of Nuffield College, officiated. Dr A.F. Madden and Mr Michael Brock, Warden of Nuffield College, read the lessons. Dr David Butler gave an address and the Rev Robert Brown led the prayers. Mr Richard Faulkner, Deputy Chairman of the Football Trust, Mr Jack Dunnet, representing the Football League, and Mr Ted Croker, Secretary of the Football Association, were among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.M.J. Birch and Miss S.D. Dawson

The engagement is announced between Henry Michael James, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.E. Birch, of Palmers Cross Farm, Tettenhall, Staffordshire, and Shirley Diane, only daughter of the late Mr R.C. Dawson and Mrs O.M. Dawson, of Great Street Farm, Trimley St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr C.D. Coverley and Miss K.L. George

The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Coverley, of The Conifers, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamhire, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A.J. George, of Emoh Ruo, Wavendon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. Gubbay and Mlle V. Altman

The engagement is announced between Solly, son of Mr and Mrs E. Gubbay, of Cape Town, formerly of Manchester, and Véronique, only daughter of M and Mme J. Altman, of St Cloud, Paris.

Mr A.J. Hamilton and Miss L.J.I. Barrie

The engagement is announced between Adrian James, son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Hamilton, of Lower Farm, Rimpton, Somerset, and Laura Jane Isabella, younger daughter of the late Bryan Barrie and Mrs Bryan Barrie, of Evelyn Gardens, SW7.

Mr R.D. Jowitt and Miss A.A. Thew

The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Jowitt, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Allison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor D. Thew, of Ampfield, Hampshire.

Mr D.H.H. Larkins and Miss C.A. Mackenzie

The engagement is announced between Derik, son of Mr W.N. Larkins and the late Mrs Pearl Larkins, of Hamilton, Strathclyde, and Carol, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.R. Mackenzie, of Caldy, Wirral.

Mr N.J.S. Mills and Miss J. Streeter

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs N.A.S. Mills, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Joanna, daughter of Mr N.J. Streeter and Mrs A. Streeter, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr T. Murray and Miss S.E. James

The engagement is announced between Terry, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.P. Murray, of Basildon, Essex, and Sandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. James, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr J.N. Rhatigan and Miss C.A. Appleton

The engagement is announced between John Nicholas, younger son of Dr and Mrs W.B. Rhatigan, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Caroline, only daughter of the late Leonard Appleton and Mrs P.A. Strong, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.

Mr R.W. Richardson and Miss C.M. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mrs Gwen Richardson and the late Mr C.V. Richardson, of Old Hunstanton, Norfolk, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Roberts, of Eltham, London.

Mr E. St Aubyn and Miss N. Shulman

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of the late Mr Roger St Aubyn and of Mrs L. St Aubyn, of Le Petit Canadean, Le Plan du Castellet, Var, France, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Milton Shulman, of 51g Eaton Square, SW1.

Mr N.D. Stevenson and Mrs M-R. Corbett

The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Wing Commander Jo Stevenson and the late Mrs Stevenson, of 26 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire, and Mary-Rose, only daughter of the Rev Nigel and Mrs O'Connor, of The Rectory, Corby-Glen, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Parliament this week

Commons

Today (2.30): Petroleum Bill, second reading. Debates on European budgets for 1986 and 1987.
Tomorrow (2.30): Coal Industry Bill, second reading.
Wednesday (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on bus deregulation and on the dispute at J.E. Hanger.
Thursday (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, second reading.

Lords

Tomorrow (2.30): Pilotage Bill, second reading.
Wednesday (2.30): Debates on the arts and on academic medicine.
Thursday (3): Family Law Reform Bill, second reading.

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OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM HILDRED

Founding father of IATA

Sir William Hildred, CB, OBE, FRSA, who spent the first half of his long and distinguished career as a civil servant in Whitehall, and the second as director-general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) during its formative years, died on November 21 at the age of 93.

William Percival Hildred - known as Dick to his friends - was born on July 13, 1893, and educated at the Boulevard School, Hull, and Sheffield University where he read Economics. At 21 he enlisted in the First Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, with which he served in France and at Salonika until invalided home in 1917.

After convalescence, he entered the civil service in 1918 and joined the Treasury the following year. He was appointed a finance officer of the Empire Marketing Board in 1926, among other things administering grants marketing research and development, in which he made quite a name for himself.

From there, in 1934, he was appointed head of the special measures branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, to deal with agricultural subsidies and marketing problems. In 1935, he was made deputy general manager of the export credit guarantee department, which brought him into the international field of finance and commerce.

With this experience - and a sound, cautious, but also innovative, Yorkshire approach, in March, 1938, he became deputy director-general of civil aviation under Sir Francis Shelmerdine, whom he succeeded in 1942.

He had been previously been seconded from the Air Ministry, where he was sent in 1938, to the Ministry of Aircraft Production and posted to Montreal to oversee the build-up of RAF Ferry Command.

Coming back to the Air Ministry in 1942, he was closely concerned with the Brabazon Committee, engaged in recommending the specifications of new post-War British transport aircraft and in the discussions which led to the Chicago Civil Aviation Conference of November-December 1944. In February, 1945, he was a member of the British delegation to the Anglo-American Civil Aviation Conference in Bermuda, which resulted in the Bermuda Agreement.

At the Air Ministry before the war he had been associated with the original IATA (then the International Air Traffic Association) formed in 1919 in association with European airlines. This went into cold storage during the War but was resuscitated, in a wider form, at a meeting of airline representatives in one of the thousand bedrooms of the Stevens Hotel during the 1944 Chicago Conference.

This led to a formal meeting in Havana of what had now become the International Air Transport Association, in April, 1945, at which Hildred was elected the first director-general by the unanimous vote of the 40 founder airlines.

The new IATA emerged as a voluntary, non-exclusive, non-political association of the scheduled airlines of states eligible to join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and formally constituted by an Act of Incorporation of the Canadian Parliament; both ICAO and IATA being based in Montreal.

Between 1944 and 1966, Hildred steered IATA with skill and determination along a course made turbulent by the often conflicting interests of what grew from 40 to 101 airlines of more than 50 nations.

Through the years, he established himself as a skilful negotiator, a sound administrator and an eloquent speaker, wrapping hard decisions in honeyed words. He created for IATA a manageable executive committee of 18 members on which he was, for two decades, well supported by his great friend, Major J. R. McCrindle, latterly IATA's arbiter on enforcements.

The establishment, under Hildred, of standard tickets, baggage checks and air weighbills, and an IATA restricted articles code of more than 2,000 items, achieved world-wide agreement. All this was administered through three traffic conferences which between them covered the world.

The fact that all these complex issues were carried forward with relative smoothness and general agreement was a tribute to Hildred's diplomacy and hard work.

He retired in 1966 and went to live at Frensham, in Surrey, where he indulged his leisure pursuits of cycling, music and carpentry.

In 1920, he married Constance Mary Chappell, MB, ChB, who died last year. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

MR ANWAR ZAKI NUSSEIBEH

Mr Anwar Zaki Nusseibeh, perhaps the most distinguished Palestinian of his generation, who upheld the moderate Palestinian cause in Israel, and who was also for a time a Jordanian cabinet minister and Jordanian ambassador in London, died in Jerusalem on November 21. He was 73.

Born in 1913 into one of Jerusalem's leading Muslim families, which for more than six centuries had been titular guardians of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, he was educated first at the Government Arab College in Jerusalem, when its principal was the renowned Ahmed Sameh al-Khalidi.

In 1929 he was the first Palestinian Arab to be sent to an English public school: the Perse School at Cambridge. From there he went to Queens' College, Cambridge, where he was captain of the tennis team. He also took a degree in law and became a member of Gray's Inn.

Returning to Palestine he worked for the British Mandatory Government, starting as a magistrate in Nazareth and then moving to Jaffa. In 1945 he was sent to London to work in the Arab Office, but two years later, when hostilities broke out between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, he was appointed secretary of the Arab National Committee loyal to Haj Amin al-Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem.

A leading organizer of the Arab defence of Jerusalem in 1948, Nusseibeh suffered a wound which necessitated amputation of a leg below the knee. This disability did not, however, noticeably cramp his style in the years ahead.

When the war ended in an uneasy truce he was made secretary of the Egyptian-backed "Government of All Palestine" in Gaza. But a year later, when Jordan took control of the West Bank, he returned to Jerusalem and gave his allegiance to the Hashemite Kingdom.

He served in the Jordanian parliament and senate, and held a number of cabinet posts, including education and defence. In the latter capacity he played an important part in expanding and re-equipping the Jordanian armed forces in the mid-1950s.

In 1961 he was appointed governor of Jerusalem. When, after serving for about a year, he was dismissed because of a difference of opinion with the government, there were demonstrations of protest in the Old City. From 1965 to 1967 he served as Jordanian ambassador in London, where he stated the Palestinian case in reasoned and convincing terms. He also arranged a successful state visit to Britain by King Hussein.

After the Six-Day War, when the West Bank came under Israeli occupation, he returned to his modest family home in Jerusalem. Though he declined, like other Arab lawyers, to appear in Israeli courts, he continued to act as legal adviser to the Anglican bishop. He also initiated a series of secret meetings between representatives of Israel and Jordan, in the hope of finding a solution to the problem of the West Bank.

Over the next decade he became increasingly disillusioned by what he saw as King Hussein's lack of commitment to the Palestinian cause. As a result he moved closer to the PLO, though he always opposed violence. Probably he and Yasser Arafat met secretly, but no overt meeting between them occurred.

In 1979 he became chairman of the East Jerusalem District Electric Company, which was a symbol of Jordanian presence in the city. But the symbolism has taken an unfortunate twist, because the company is now on the verge of bankruptcy.

In a recent interview Nusseibeh made this comment on his career: "I have the feeling that I was either too late or too early in all my political endeavours." His death has drawn eloquent tributes to him from Arabs and Jews, the latter including Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh is survived by his wife, Nuzha, and by their four sons and two daughters.

PROF FRANCIS HELLIER

Professor Francis Hellier, OBE, who died on November 19, at the age of 82, was one of the leading dermatologists of his day. Besides a long and busy career at Leeds Infirmary he also did useful war work in his field.

Francis Findlay Hellier was born on June 30, 1904, and educated at Moorlands School, Leeds; Oundle; and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took firsts in both parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos. Instead of going to London, as might have been more fashionable, he went to Leeds Infirmary to complete his clinical training.

Then he spent a period at the Brompton Hospital, London, but returned to Leeds where he was senior medical resident officer and medical tutor. He is gratefully remembered by a generation of Leeds graduates who passed through his hands.

At this period he fell under the influence of Professor John Ingram, who was building up the dermatological department at Leeds. He opted for that speciality himself, and studied further at Guy's, London, and with the great dermatologist, Pautrier, at Strasbourg.

In 1940 he was appointed dermatologist to Western Command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Throughout the war scabies was a scourge of troops in the field, and Hellier did a great deal, through his centre at Ragley Hall, to cure soldiers who otherwise might well have had to be demobilized.

After D-Day he went to Normandy and remained with 21st Army Group until the end of the war, playing a considerable part in keeping units in combat condition. This was no easy task. Penicillin was scarce. Supplies were earmarked for serious casualties and none could be spared for the ravages of skin diseases which were damaging morale.

Commandeering a batch of out-of-date penicillin which was about to be destroyed, Hellier created a preparation which could be used externally to treat the impetigo and sycosis which were taking their toll. This initiative produced dramatic results, and men who would have had to be sent home were able to get back into battle within two or three days.

After the war he went back to Leeds where, in 1959, he became head of the dermatology department. Soon afterwards he was given a personal chair. At Leeds he established a reputation principally in two fields. He was an authority on industrial dermatitis, and a noted expert on the histopathology of the skin.

He was a past president of the British Association of Dermatology and of the Dermatological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and he was active on the Yorkshire Regional Hospital Board. With Goldsmith he co-wrote the second edition of *Recent Advances in Dermatology*.

He retired in 1969, but continued to visit the skin department at Leeds, examining slides and contributing to discussion on the pathology of various conditions. He was also seeing private patients until shortly before his death. He was always in demand as an expert medical witness at tribunals, and it was while in Manchester for a court session that he died.

Hellier was a clinical dermatologist of the old school. To the very end he retained his vigorous intellect. He was a voluminous reader and had acquired a wide knowledge in subjects other than his own. He liked conversation, and could talk to most people about most things. He was also a keen sportsman and continued to play golf.

He married, in 1936, Doreen Denny, a leading soprano with the D'Oyly Carte company. She died in 1974.

He is survived by a son and a daughter.

JERRY COLONNA

Jerry Colonna, the American comedy actor with the walrus moustache and bulging eyes, has died at the age of 82.

Born Gerald Colonna in Boston, he started his career as a trombone player before deciding that his zany appearance and piercing voice could be exploited in comedy.

He developed his talent in night clubs and revue, and in the late 1930s became a national figure on the Bob Hope radio show.

His film career began in 1937 and for twenty years he was a familiar face in music hall and light comedies.

He was best known for his contributions to the Bob Hope-Bing Crosby "Road" pictures, including the first in the series, *Road to Singapore* and the last, *Road to Hong Kong*.

He appeared in several other Hope pictures, including four musicals, and supplied the voice of the March Hare in the Walt Disney cartoon version of *Alice in Wonderland*.

In 1966 he was on the Bob Hope Christmas Show, performed to American troops in Vietnam.

DR J. W. BRUEGEL

Mr Ian S. Menzies writes:

May I supplement your comprehensive obituary (November 20) with a personal recollection?

After the abortive armed rising by Austrian Socialists in 1934, a number of their leaders - including some of my mother's former colleagues - sought refuge in Czechoslovakia. Dr Bruegel helped to organize relief for them.

He told my mother at the time: "I have always supported your stand (in the Austrian Social Democratic Party) against those who advocated armed violence, but it is our duty to help them now, misguided though they were. The way things are going we may all need help in the years to come".

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
St. Mark 13 : 33

BIRTHS

CARRINGTON - On November 18th to Lindi and John, a son, John Edward Frederick.

FELD - On Sunday 16th November, to Jacqui (née Benson) and Richard, a second precious daughter, Olivia Tamsin, a sister for Anna-Claire. Third grandchild for Phyllis and Michael Feld and sixth grandchild for Rita Benson and the late Professor Rowland Benson.

HASWELL - On November 15th, at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Sue (née Battersby) and Charles, a son, Matthew James Lane.

HEWSON - On November 12th at The Westminster, London, to Philippa and Adam, a son, Ruary James Kershaw.

JACKSON-BURRIS - On November 20th, to Eva and Dave, a daughter, Grace, a sister for Sadie, Ellie and Jimmy.

PEARSON - On November 21st, in London, to Rachel (née Michell) and Mark, a son, Theo John, a brother for Ben.

STOPFORD - On November 21st, in London, to Sandra (née Hartley) and Robert, a son Benjamin Charlie, a brother for Joshua.

TOFT-CHRISTENSEN - On 21st November, at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, to Tina and Jesper, a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth.

VICKERS - On November 19th 1986, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Pippa and Tony, a son, Harry Charles Philip.

DEATHS

BAINBRIDGE on November 19th, tragically in a motor accident, Jill aged 21, adored daughter of Bill and Mary and much loved twin sister of Julie, sadly missed by all her family and many friends, especially C.J. Funeral service at St Margaret's, Fernhurst on Thursday November 27th at 2 pm. All flowers and enquiries to L F Linton & Son, Midhurst 3264.

BELLAMY - on Sunday November 16th 1986 Maria-Elisabeth Katharina Franziska, LLM Rechtsanwaltin, aged 43 years, deeply loved and mourned by Christopher, Mutti, Hans and many friends. Funeral arrangements private. Requiem Mass at 1 30 pm on Saturday November 29th at Farm Street Domestic Chapel, 114 Mount Street, London W1.

BLACKDEN - on November 21st, 1986 at Branksome Park, Brigadier Colin Frederick Blackden, late The South Wales Borderers, husband of the late Barbara Blackden. Funeral service Wednesday November 26th 12.00 noon at Bournemouth Crematorium. Please no flowers but donations in his memory for Help the Aged may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

BOYDELL - On 20th November, suddenly, Timothy G.B., Beloved husband of Audrey and father of Philip.

FINCH - On Friday November 21st, D. Eileen Finch (née Evans) widow of Frank L. Finch of Stansted, Essex and darling mother of Gillian and grandmother of Melanie and David. Cremation private.

FRASER - On November 20th, peacefully at the Seahourne Nursing Home, Southbourne, Violet Evelyne Stuart, aged 91. Dearly loved aunt, mourned by her nephews and nieces. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held at St. Michael's Church, Sopley, near Christchurch, at 3pm on Saturday December 6th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Royal National Lifeboat Institute, c/o Miller Bros & F.P. Butler Ltd, 119 Bargates, Christchurch.

GATENBY - On November 18th, suddenly but peacefully at home at the end of a happy day, Dora (née Brock) in her 72nd year, beloved wife of Dick, mother of Michael and David. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End, on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.20 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, 23 Rectory Road, Beckenham BR3 1HL.

GRAHAM - On November 21st 1986, peacefully at home after a long illness, Bill, beloved husband of Peggy, father of Jenny, Nick and Jamie, and grandfather of William and Christina. Funeral, family only, at Dunsfold Church, Wednesday November 26th at 11.00 am, followed by committal at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers please to Pimms Funeral Directors, Chartiers, Mary Road, Guildford, Surrey. Donations to Institute of Cancer Research, Chester Beatty Laboratory, 237 Fulham Road, London SW3 6JB. Memorial Service to follow at St. Johns Church, Milford, Wednesday December 10th at 3pm.

HELLIER - On November 19th, Professor Francis Findlay of Bramhope, Leeds, suddenly in Manchester: the dearly loved husband of the late Doreen and dear father of Michael and Sally. Funeral Service will be held at Headingley Methodist Church, Leeds, on Friday November 28th at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please by request.

MILDRED - On November 21st 1986 peacefully at Spreakley House, Frensham, Surrey, Sir William Percival Kt., C.B., O.B.E., M.A., F.R.S.A., aged 93, Director General Emeritus, International Air Transport Association, husband of the late beloved Constance Mary, father of Michael, Barbara and Anthony. Funeral service and interment, St Mary the Virgin, Frensham, Surrey, 2.30 pm, Thursday 27th November. Flowers to Patrick Funeral Directors, Farnham.

HARROP - On November 21st peacefully in Cobham, Surrey after a courageous struggle with illness, Cliff, dearly loved husband of Peggy and loving father of Nigel and a loved grandfather of Rebecca and Oliver. Private family funeral.

KENT - On November 21st 1986 peacefully at home at Kingwood Common, Lionel (Leo) Horace aged 84 years. Much loved husband of Mary, father of John and grandfather of Peter and Richard. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Rotherfield, Peppard, at 2pm on November 28th. Family flowers only.

LAMBE - On November 18th 1986, suddenly in London, Thomas Trajan (Jimmy) Lambe, B.Sc., F.I.C.E., F.I. Mech.E., beloved husband of Pat. Funeral private. No flowers or letters by request. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

LAWSON - On November 20th 1986, suddenly in Germany and of Kingsway, Gatley, Charles Edward, aged 60 years, beloved husband of Irene, a loved father of Paul Edward and Penelope Ann, a devoted granddad of Jennifer, Jake and Ralph and a dear brother of Norman. For funeral arrangements please ring Norwest Co-op Funeral Services, Stockport. 061 432 0818

MAY - On November 21st, 1986 peacefully at her home in her 91st year Doris Mabel (of Hong Kong, Shanghai & Chelsea), Widow of E.A.G. May. Funeral service at Old Church, Chelsea at 11.00 am, November 27th. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

RAYNES - on 20th November, 1986 after a short illness, Marjorie sadly missed by Richard and Julia. Funeral service on Wednesday 26th of November at 12.30 pm at Randalls Park crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers or donations to cancer research may be sent to Sherlock & Sons Trellis House, Dorking.

SCOTT - On November 18th, Thomas Wharrie Falconer, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Funeral service at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on November 26th, at 2.30pm. Flowers to E.R. Hickmott and Sons, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SODERBERGH - On November 19th 1986, Lars E F Soderbergh, much loved by all his family. The funeral service will be held at the Swedish Church, Harcourt Street, London W1, at 11am on Wednesday 26th November, followed by cremation at Golders Green. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the Circulatory and Respiratory Diseases Fund, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

WALCH on November 20th, 1986, in her 78th year, Mollie, dear sister of Gordon and aunt of Tony, Jill and Sue. Memorial Service at Marden Parish Church, Devizes, Wilts, on December 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to: The Wilts Trust for Nature Conservation, 19 High Street, Devizes, Wilts. Enquiries, telephone (0795) 22797.

WEISSBERGER - On November 19th, suddenly and peacefully at her home Eileen Helen, dearly beloved sister of Maurice and daughter of the late Jennie and Percy. Cremation on Monday, November 24th, at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, at 12.45 pm. Prayers same evening at 33, Seymour Place, London W1, at 6 pm. No flowers by request, but donations may be made to The Home for Aged Jews, Nightingale Lane, London, SW12.

WOODWARD - On November 17th, George Paul Minchin, dearest husband of Ann, beloved father of Sarah and Cynthia and father-in-law to Alastair and Mark. Dear grandfather to Elise, George and Isabel. Funeral private. Donations if desired to The West Sussex Macmillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex.

WOOLLAM - On November 19th, 1986, peacefully following a short illness David Henry Morgan M.D., Sc.D, F.R.C.P., of Fair Winds, Sea Drive, Ferring. Much loved and missed by his family. Funeral at Worthing crematorium on November 26th at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, but if desired donations to The Manager, Mentally Handicapped Services, Ida Darwin, Fulbourne, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BROOKE - A Memorial Thanksgiving Service for the late Captain Geoffrey T. Brooke of Knocktoran, Elton, Co Limerick, will be held in St Agnes' Church, Bury Road, Newmarket, Suffolk on Sunday November 30th at 12.30 pm.

GORDON A Memorial Service for Mrs Enid Gordon, followed by the interment of her ashes, will take place at Emberton Parish Church on Saturday 13th December at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MACMICHAEL - Nicholas Hugh, FSA, FR Hist S., died 24th November 1985, aged 52 years. Uncomplaining he bore a lifelong burden. Remembered with affection especially today. E.

MORGAN - William, co-founder of London Typographical Designers Ltd. A thanksgiving service is arranged at St Brides, Fleet Street, at 12 noon, on Thursday, December 4. Bill's relatives, friends and business associates will be welcome.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

AUCOTT - MEAD On November 23rd 1946, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shang Hai, Ian to Gladys. Now at West Chiltington Sussex.

Science report

Vulcan laser success for Rutherford team

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Major advances in laser research, with important applications in areas as diverse as chemical synthesis, surgery, microchip manufacture and biological probes, have been overshadowed by the controversy of Star Wars technology.

The mention of X-ray lasers raises the picture of the device being developed for the American military at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, in California. It involves a way of focusing the energy from a nuclear explosive to create a beam weapon to be based on a platform in space for destroying missiles.

But there is a different way of generating useful X-ray laser beams. It comes in what is described as "an important breakthrough in laser physics" by the annual report of the Science and Engineering Research Council.

The development was achieved at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, near Oxford, done in collaboration with research teams from Hull and Belfast universities, and Imperial College London.

The advance depended on using a very powerful laser, called Vulcan, in the first place, but that machine, which depends on stimulating a material containing neodymium, produces a traditional form of laser beam of intense light.

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Dated 14th November 1986
DAVID McKENNA
HON. SECRETARY

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Dated the 14th day of November 1986
P.V. McCONNELL
DIRECTOR

RE: PRINCE ROY'S ELECTRONICS LIMITED, BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 20TH OCTOBER 1983.

Neville Eckley, F.C.A., of 332 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 18th November 1986
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

RE: AMBRO CONSTRUCTION LIMITED, BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 10TH MARCH 1983

Neville Eckley, F.C.A., of 332 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 18th November 1986
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

RE: BOYCE BROTHERS LIMITED BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 18TH APRIL 1986

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RAF helicopter plucks 28 crew to safety from stricken vessel

Rescue revives demands for sinking inquiry

By Stewart Tendler

British marine investigators flew to Ireland yesterday to discover why the crew of the Kowloon Bridge had to be rescued in high seas off Cork. Twenty-eight people were winched to safety in darkness and force 11 winds from the iron ore carrier by RAF Sea King helicopters.

The 54,000-ton Kowloon Bridge, registered in Hong Kong, is a sister ship to the Derbyshire, which sank mysteriously in the Pacific in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives.

As the Kowloon Bridge wallowed near the Fastnet Rock yesterday with her 160,000-ton cargo, campaigners for a public inquiry into the Derbyshire suggested similarities between the fate of the two British-built ships.

The crew of a third ship in the same Swan Hunter class, the Tyne Bridge, had to be rescued in the North Sea.

Yesterday's rescue began after two helicopters had flown from RAF Brawdy in Wales to Cork airport in preparation for the possible rescue of the crew of a Spanish fishing vessel late on Saturday night. They were working with an RAF Nimrod, helping the Irish authorities, which have no helicopters with a night flight capacity.

In less than two hours the helicopters, working above 20-foot waves, lifted out 25 crew, two shipping company officials and an Irish surveyor.

Flight Lieutenant Tony Geare said: "There were fierce thunderstorms and the winds initially were gusting at 60 knots. Our choppers took 14 each off the tanker, but luckily there was no panic on board. One of my winchmen broke a hand during the operation."

The ship put into Bantry Bay a week ago on her way from Canada to Scotland. She had developed suspected hull damage and a marine surveyor, acting on behalf of the Hong Kong government, was sent from the Department of Transport in London.

Last week, the Kowloon Bridge was allowed to sail, but she developed steering problems only 10 miles from Bantry Bay and began to take water in the high seas. Close to midnight on Saturday she called for help and the rescue began.

As the report of the first survey was being studied yesterday officials left London, again on behalf of the Hong Kong authorities.

A government report on the Derbyshire this year suggested that more "consideration should have been given" to the design of a vital intersection of main parts of the hull.

Mr Roger Stott, Labour's transport spokesman, said: "All the sister ships have suffered serious structural difficulties and we argued there was a strong case for a full public inquiry. I received the reply just last Tuesday that the Department of Transport felt there was no need to hold an inquiry. Within half-an-hour of receiving that letter, I heard that the Kowloon Bridge had put into Bantry Bay with serious structural problems."

Senior officials of the National Union of Seamen, and Numast, the union of marine officers, said they would also push for an inquiry. The NUS said four of the six ships had suffered cracks across the deck in front of the bridge.

Mr Alex Marsh, joint managing director of Swan Hunter, said: "We don't know what the details are yet and we have no comment to make". There was no comment from Zodiac Maritime Agencies, which ran the Kowloon Bridge.

Night flight: Flying Officer Andy Crawford (left); Sergeant Barry Hunter, who broke a hand during the rescue; Flight Lieutenant Tony Geare; and Sergeant David Spain return to their base at Brawdy, Dyfed

Back on dry land: The crew of the carrier Kowloon Bridge at Cork Airport yesterday

Two killed in cliff fall

A teenage boy and girl plunged to their deaths from cliffs at Penally, near Tenby, in West Wales yesterday.

Their bodies, roped together, were recovered from the sea by the crew of a Sea King rescue helicopter from RAF Chivenor in North Devon.

The crew of the Tenby lifeboat had been unable to reach the pair because of rough sea conditions. The boy and girl, in their late teens, are thought to have fallen while trying to climb the cliffs near the Penally Army ranges.

They had not been identified last night.

Wright was paid for book on M15

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schild, who knew both of them.

During his trip to Britain, Mr Wright is also understood to have visited his son. Although Mr Pincher would not confirm it, *The Times* understands that Lord Rothschild telephoned him and asked if he would like to meet someone who wanted to expose MI5 traitors.

When the two men met, Mr Wright was nervous. He said his MI5 pension was only £2,000 a year and he desperately needed £5,000 to prevent his stud farm in *Tasmania from folding*.

Mr Pincher went to Tasmania in October 1980 and spent two weeks with him. He said the former MI5 man revealed to him an "Aladdin's cave" of secret information.

Mr Pincher said yesterday: "I told Wright he could receive no money until a contract had been signed when he would get his half-share of the normal advance payment." Six weeks before the book was published in March 1981, Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, now the Government's main witness in the Sydney court case, got his hands on a copy of *Their Trade is Treachery*.

Even though Sir Robert had read the book, he wrote to Mr Armstrong, of Sidgwick & Jackson, in March 1981, three days before publication, to ask for two copies to be sent to him so that Mrs Margaret Thatcher could be in a position to make a statement in the House.

Sir Robert wrote in his letter: "The request is not made with a view to seeking to prevent or delay publication and I can assure you that we shall not do so."

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, had decided against serving an injunction because the book was written by a journalist and not by a former member of MI5. What he did not know, presumably, was that Mr Wright had handed over chapters of his own book to Mr Pincher.

In the Sydney court case, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the defence counsel, has tried to link Mr Pincher's book with Mr Wright's as yet unpublished book, *The Spy Catcher*, and to highlight the different attitudes to each shown by the Government.

Last night, Lord Rothschild could not be contacted for comment.

Enrile out after coup rumours

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clique in the armed forces is widely rumoured to have been behind the plan.

Neither Mrs Aquino nor General Ramos directly linked Mr Enrile to the unusual movement late Saturday night of "six or seven truckloads" of heavily-armed civilians to the defence ministry.

Two other truckloads of armed plain clothed men later went to the house of a former pro-Marcos member of parliament where plans were discussed to reconvene the dissolved National Assembly and install Mr Enrile as Prime Minister.

The assembly had proclaimed Mr Marcos winner of the February election, but one month after a civilian backed military revolt installed Mrs Aquino in power, it was abolished. Mrs Aquino said most ministers who attended the emergency cabinet session had resigned and the remaining resignations were expected soon.

Key faces, page 10

Japanese massacre revealed

Tokyo (Reuter) — Japanese troops massacred more than 400 villagers on an Indonesian island during the Second World War, and their commander later falsified his report to avoid war crime charges, according to the mass-circulation daily, *Asahi Shimbun*.

The paper said that a village chief on Babar island killed a Japanese civilian attached to the navy and two other Japanese after an argument in October 1944.

Japanese occupation troops then killed or captured 100 of about 400 villagers. The rest surrendered but were shot to death.

The paper said that Mr Tomio Taketomi, aged 68, a student of war history from Honami, in southern Japan, had obtained an original and two falsified reports.

It quoted the unidentified commander, now aged 65, as saying that the final report, designed for presentation to the Dutch Army, had helped those involved to escape punishment as war criminals.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Harrow School, 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, attends the New Fellows dinner at Apothecaries' Hall, 7.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends the Royal Variety Performance at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, 7.50.

Princess Anne visits Marling and Evans Clothing Mill at Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), attends the annual meeting at 15 Belgrave Square, 5.55.

Prince Michael of Kent, as president, attends the Kennel Club dinner, 7.30.

Princess Michael of Kent visits the St Giles Monday Club, Oxford, 11.30.

New Exhibitions

Exhibition at the Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford, 10 to 5 except Sundays (ends Dec 31).

Photographic exhibition by Fay Godwin, Pizza Margherita, Moor Lane, Manchester, 8.

Work by John Knapp-Fisher, Niccol Centre, Cirencester, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30, Sat 10 to 12.30 (ends Dec 31).

Exhibitions in progress

Raku ceramics by Anna Noel; Beaux Arts, York Street, Bath, Mon to Fri 10 to 5.

A Reputation amongst Artists: Norwich School of Art, St Georges Street, Norwich, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Dec 10).

Contemporary Afro-Caribbean art: Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford, Tue to Sun 10 to 5 (ends Jan 4).

Don't Trust the Label; Copies and Originals; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Dec 7).

100 Years of Guernsey Museums: Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery, Candic Gardens, St Peter Port, Guernsey; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 4.30 (ends Jan 4 1987).

Anniversaries

Births: **Benedict de Spinoza**, philosopher, Amsterdam, 1632; **Laurence Sterne**, novelist, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, 1713; **Zachary Taylor**, 12th president of the USA 1849-50, Orange County, Virginia, 1784; **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec**, Albi, France, 1864.

Deaths: **John Knox**, Edinburgh, 1572; **William Lamb**, 2nd viscount Melbourne, prime minister 1834, 1835-41, Hatfield, Herts, 1848; **Robert Erskine Childers**, Irish nationalist and writer *(The Riddle of the Sands)*, executed, Dublin, 1922; **Georges Clemenceau**, prime minister of France 1917-20, Paris, 1929.

Roads

Midlands: A1: Contraflow in operation at Great Ponton near Grantham, Lincolnshire

Wales and West: A31: Various restrictions and delays at Ashley Roundabout between Ringwood and Wimborne, Dorset.

Scotland: A96: Sewer repairs west of Aberdeen Airport entrance, temporary signals in operation, expect delays. **A9:** Construction work continues on the Perth Western bypass, lane closures on both carriageways. **A94:** Bypass construction continues north of Forfar, at Angus, care required.

Information supplied by AA

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Nature notes

In the south of England, and in Ireland, there are now more female chaffinches than males. Among British chaffinches, the females are more inclined to move south in winter, and among immigrants they tend to go further west. They are olive-brown birds, whereas the males have a pink breast and a blue crown.

On wooded roadsides, there are often a few willow tits among the flocks of blue and great tits. They have a repeated rasping call, which helps to distinguish them from the very similar marsh tits. Nuthatches also travel along with the tit flocks, usually staying high in the trees; they have begun their *quick, whistling song* again.

Dry leaves still cling to many trees in the oak woods; in the sunshine they have a distinct pink or orange tinge. The last maple leaves are a brilliant waxy yellow; last elm leaves in the hedgerows are a blend of pale yellow and pale green. Many bramble bushes show a few bright scarlet leaves. Herb-robert and yarrow are still in flower.

DJM

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Petroleum Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC budgets for 1986 and 1987.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.295	2.145
Austria Sch	21.10	19.90
Belgium Fr	62.40	58.80
Canada $	2.03	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.24	10.64
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.94
France Fr	9.70	9.20
Germany Dm	2.98	2.81
Greece Dr	222.00	212.00
Hong Kong $	11.32	10.82
Ireland Pt	1.096	1.038
Italy Lira	2065.00	1945.00
Japan Yen	243.00	228.00
Netherlands Gld	3.35	3.17
Norway Kr	11.23	10.62
Portugal Esc	229.00	207.00
South Africa Rd	3.75	3.15
Spain Pta	197.75	187.75
Sweden Kr	10.25	9.70
Switzerland Fr	2.485	2.345
USA $	1.48	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	840.00	690.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.

Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* index closed 14.4 up at 1274.2 on Friday.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 32.90 up at 1893.56 on Friday.

Bond winners

The winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are £100,000: 18XS 011334 (the winner lives in Ipswich); £50,000: 18WS 419980 (Havering, London); £25,000: 26TW 708527 (West Sussex).

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On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or –), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or –).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to play — Weekly Dividend

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

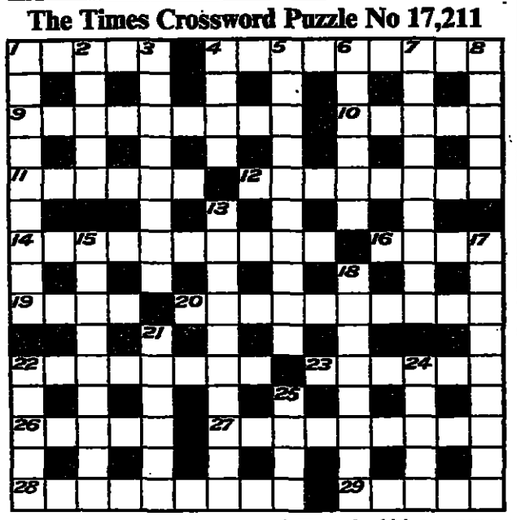
You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

Today's Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,211



ACROSS

1 Feudal tenure in Birkenhead initially, no longer available (5).
4 The red-legged partridge, a native of Maine, perhaps (9).
9 He may tell of characters made to run race (9).
10 Course for the sharp-sighted, do we hear? (5).
11 Transform cheap vegetable (6).
12 A godly system being superior, they embrace it (8).
14 Foolish woman taken in by relative, a railway pioneer (10).
16 Can this work identify a star? (4).
19 Lloyd George, say, giving attention to his party (4).
20 Fur making part of face cold, according to some? (10).
22 Sort of bank in the forest (8).
23 Delight in taking exercise round the fields (6).
26 Tall pointed hat seen with German soldiers (5).
27 Unseemliness upset one modern copper (9).
28 No flowers to plant here among the ferns? (9).
29 American saloon in Ardennes (5).

DOWN

1 Woodman detailed to accept volunteers in anticipation (9).
2 Statuette needing very large transporter? (5).
3 Through which one may see a Pole airborne? (8).
4 Generous payment — Roundhead's captured (4).
5 Burrow sure to be thus immovable (5-5).
6 Sounds like one retailing a stock of wine (6).
7 Bad pun, I claim, relating to local government (9).
8 Interfering upset the old boy (5).
13 Delightful work for a charmer (10).
15 How Jack Worthing viewed his importance? (9).
17 Politician shows ship master round the Gallery (9).
18 Churchwoman's drinking-vessels (8).
21 A serviceman of his stripe, roughly (6).
22 Rich firm about to fence in motorway (5).
24 Sharp-tongued accountant rising to make 4 *dn* (5).
25 To whom a pert young woman lost her head? (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,210

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,210 will appear next Saturday

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WEATHER

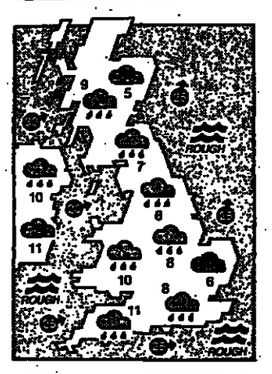
A weak ridge of high pressure over the British Isles will decline as an Atlantic frontal system moves NE across the region. Eastern parts will have bright or sunny intervals at first but thickening cloud will spread northeastwards as outbreaks of rain in the SW extend to all districts during the day. Temperatures will be generally mild. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Continuing unsettled and windy.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.57	5.9	6.42	5.9
Aberdeen	6.29	3.4	6.22	3.5
Avonmouth	11.15	9.9	11.51	9.4
Belfast	3.53	2.6	4.13	3.1
Cardiff	11.00	9.2	11.36	8.8
Devonport	9.51	4.6	10.28	4.3
Dover	3.21	5.6	3.50	5.2
Falmouth	9.21	4.4	9.58	4.1
Glasgow	5.18	4.0	5.14	4.5
Harwich	4.01	3.5	4.39	3.6
Holyhead	3.03	4.3	3.18	4.5
Hull	11.02	6.6	11.04	5.7
Ilfracombe	10.27	7.0	11.11	6.6
Leith	7.34	4.4	7.55	4.4
Liverpool	3.38	7.2	4.00	7.4
Lowestoft	1.33	2.2	3.5	2.0
Margate	4.14	4.1	4.57	4.0
Milford Haven	10.51	5.3	11.30	5.0
Newquay	9.48	5.4	10.29	5.1
Oban	10.17	3.1		
Plymouth	9.02	4.8	9.42	4.3
Portland	10.29	1.7	11.47	1.4
Portsmouth	4.01	3.8	4.13	3.7
Shoreham	3.30	5.0	3.57	4.7
Southampton	3.39	3.7	3.48	3.6
Swansea	10.52	7.3	11.29	7.0
Tees	8.49	4.2	8.54	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	3.46	3.5	4.35	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28084ft.

AM



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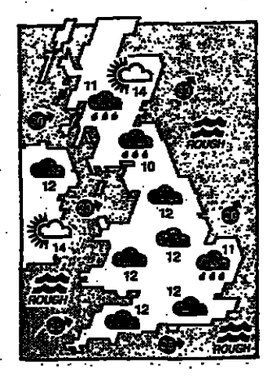


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.31 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.14 am
Edinburgh 4.22 pm to 7.38 am
Manchester 4.31 pm to 7.22 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.20 am

Sun rises: 7.33 am
Sun sets: 4.01 pm
Moon sets 1.21 pm
Moon rises 11.15 pm
Last quarter: 4.50 pm

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	x	-	9	48	sunny
Bridlington	5.0	.03	9	48	sunny
Cromer	x				
Lowestoft	4.2	.04	10	50	sunny
Clacton	4.1	-	10	50	sunny
Margate	x	.01	11	52	bright
Folkestone	2.3	.03	11	52	bright
Hastings	1.3	.07	12	54	bright
Eastbourne	1.0	.04	11	52	showers
Brighton	0.9	.10	10	50	showers
Worthing	1.5	.04	11	52	showers
Littlehmpton	1.9	.04	11	52	showers
Bognor R	2.2	.04	11	52	showers
Southsea	1.4	.02	11	52	cloudy
Shanklin	0.5	.12	10	50	showers
Bournemth	1.4	.06	11	52	bright
Poole	2.0	.09	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	1.3	.07	11	52	bright
Weymouth	3.3	.05	11	52	bright
Exmouth	3.3	.12	9	48	showers
Torquay	3.8	.14	10	50	showers
Falmouth	x				
Guernsey	1.2	.16	11	52	showers
Scilly Isles	2.9	.09	9	48	gale
Newquay	1.8	.17	9	48	showers
Ilfracombe	x	.38	11	52	showers
Teeby	1.9	.06	9	48	showers
Morecambe		.18	9	48	rain
Douglas	2.2	.17	9	48	bright
Llandudno	2.8	.04	11	52	sunny
Eltham Airpt	4.2	.04	9	48	showers
Bristol (Cot)	2.8	.49	9	48	hail
Cardiff (Cot)	1.9	.25	9	48	thunder
Anglesey	2.4	.04	9	48	bright
S'pool Airpt	3.6	.16	9	48	rain
Manchester	4.7	.03	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	3.1	.08	9	48	showers
N'CS-on-Tyne	5.0	.01	9	48	showers
Carlisle	3.6	.23	9	48	rain
Edinburgh	-	.77	8	46	showers
Prestwick	-	.26	8	46	rain
Glasgow	-	.61	8	46	showers
Tiree	-	.96	9	48	showers
Belfast	0.3	.26	6	43	showers

These are Sunday's figures

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Belfast	c	8 46	Guernsey	c	8 46
B'mingham	c	9 48	Inverness	r	8 46
Blackpool	c	9 48	Jersey	c	11 52
Bristol	r	9 48	London	c	9 48
Cardiff	c	8 46	M'chester	c	8 46
Edinburgh	c	9 48	Newcastle	f	9 48
Glasgow	f	9 48	N'ridaway	c	9 48

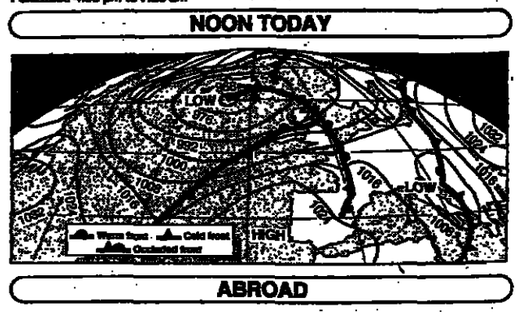
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Alaccio	r	14	57	Cologne	f	7	45	Majorca	c	16	61	Rome	r	17	63
Alicante	s	20	68	Cyprus	f	16	61	Malaga	f	16	61	Salzburg	r	5	41
Alex'dria	f	23	73	Corfu	f	15	59	Malta				S P'dsco*	s	15	59
Algiers	c	19	66	Dublin	c	7	45	Melb'rne	f	17	63	Santiago*	s	25	77
Amst'dam	c	6	43	Dubrovnik	s	16	61	Mexico C*	s	18	64	S Paulo*	c	27	81
Athens	f	16	61	Faro	f	17	63	Miami*				Seoul	s	16	61
Beirut				Florence	r	13	55	Milan	c	8	46	Singapor	f	27	81
Barbados*				Frankfurt	s	8	46	Montreal*	sn	-4	25	St'kholm	d	5	41
Barcelna	f	14	57	Funchal	r	18	64	Moscow	c	-1	30	Strasb'rg	r	7	45
Beirut				Geneva	f	8	46	Munich	r	5	41	Sydney	s	20	68
Belgrade	s	12	54	Gibraltar	f	16	61	Nairobi	f	23	77	Tangier	f	17	63
Berlin	f	9	48	Helsinki	r	5	41	Naples	r	17	63	Tel aviv	s	23	68
Bermuda*	r	24	75	Hong K	c	23	73	N Delhi	s	25	77	Tenerife	c	21	70
Biarritz	r	11	52	Innsbruck	r	4	39	N York*	c	9	48	Tokyo	s	14	57
Bomb'a	f	10	50	Istanbul	s	12	54	Nice	c	13	55	Toronto*	f	0	32
Bord'ux	s	8	46	Jeddah				Oslo	r	8	43	Tunis	c	18	64
Brussels	f	6	43	Jo'burg*	s	20	68	Paris	r	8	43	Valencia	f	15	59
Budapst	f	7	45	Karachi	s	27	81	Peking	sn	0	32	Vanc'ver*	f	9	48
B Aires*				L Palmas	c	21	70	Perth	s	29	84	Venice	r	10	50
Cairo	s	21	70	Lisbon	f	14	57	Prague	r	7	45	Vienna	c	7	45
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Locarno	r	9	48	Reykjvik	s	-2	28	Warsaw	f	8	46
C'blanca	r	17	63	L Angels*	s	19	66	Rhodes	s	19	66	Wash'ton*	f	8	46
Chicago*	s	3	37	Luxembg	c	4	39	Rio de J	s	34	93	Wel'ton	r	14	57
Ch'church	f	26	79	Madrid	f	12	54	Riyadh	c	22	72	Zurich	c	5	41

*denotes Friday's figures are latest available

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET (Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1274.2 (–19.00)

FT-SE 100
1624.9 (–19.4)

Bargains
34762 (25788)

USM (Datastream)
129.09 (–1.79)

THE POUND (Change on week)

US Dollar
1.4195 (–0.0100)

W German mark
2.8653 (+0.0006)

Trade-weighted
67.9 (–0.4)

Factories output is recovering, says CBI inquiry

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Prospects for manufacturing output are brightening, according to the results of the Confederation of British Industry's latest monthly trends inquiry.

However, the employers' organization fears that stronger economic growth will be accompanied by higher inflation and a widening balance of payments deficit.

The CBI's November monthly trends inquiry and its new quarterly economic forecast will be published today.

Of the 1,561 firms questioned in the trends inquiry, 21 per cent regard their order books as above normal, compared with 16 per cent last month. The proportion of businesses with normal order books has risen from 44 to 49 per cent.

On balance, companies still have fewer orders than they would like, with 30 per cent regarding order books as below normal. But the negative balance has dropped from 23 per cent last month to 9 per cent this month.

There has been a similar drop, from 22 to 10 per cent, in the negative balance on export orders.

"This is the best outcome since February and suggests that the pause in output which has been worrying manufacturers for most of the year has now come to an end," said the CBI.

One worry for the Chancellor, however, is that the rate of industry price increases is expected to accelerate, with a greater proportion of firms (24 per cent) expecting to lift their prices over the next four months.

This is in line with the new quarterly economic forecast from the CBI. The pound's weakness — its trade weighted average is expected to fall by another 8 per cent by the end of 1987 — is forecast to push inflation substantially higher next year, despite a slight slackening in the growth of wages.

The CBI expects inflation to average 4.7 per cent next year after a rate of 3.4 per cent this year. In the fourth quarter of next year an inflation rate of 5.5 per cent is predicted — significantly higher than the Treasury's forecast of 3.75 per cent.

Strong consumer spending is expected next year, although no cuts in income tax are assumed in the forecast.

A spending rise of 4.5 per cent is predicted, after a 5.1 per cent increase this year. This is within an overall expansion of the economy of 2.7 per cent, after 2.1 per cent growth this year.

Calculations by CBI economists suggest that 45 per cent of any increase in consumer or investment spending is taken up by imports. The volume of imports is expected to rise by 4.8 per cent next year, while export volumes are forecast to rise by only 3.2 per cent.

The prospective performance of exports is disappointing given that CBI economists expect British industry to be 14 per cent more competitive next year, mainly as a result of the pound's fall. And the forecast is for a current account deficit of £2.2 billion next year, to be maintained in 1988.

The Treasury expects a current account deficit of £1.5 billion next year, and the Chancellor has hinted that this will be followed by an improvement.

Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI's director general, said: "With the growth in consumer spending expected to continue over the next two years, British industry has a real opportunity to win more business and create more jobs. But we still have to bring our unit labour costs more into line with those of our competitors."

The unemployment outlook is not as rosy as recent figures have suggested, according to the CBI. It expects an 8,000 a month drop in manufacturing employment next year. Unemployment will edge down only slowly, says the forecast, falling slightly below 3 million during 1988.

US NOTEBOOK

GNP under a cloud as car sales slump

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The fourth quarter has not begun auspiciously. The first of the elements that will make up its GNP was the October personal consumption figure released on Thursday.

The collapse of car sales after the frenzy of 2.9 per cent financing in August and September, meant that personal spending dropped by a sudden 2 per cent to a level that, if continued, will mean no increase in personal consumption spending in the fourth quarter.

As personal spending in the third quarter provided more than the whole increase in real GNP, there is the prospect that the props will be pulled out from under economic growth in the current quarter.

The previous quarter's 2.9 per cent real growth in GNP was mostly the result of artificially boosted car sales and a bunching of military orders by the federal government.

Further grim news for the fourth quarter GNP came with the publication of the carsales numbers for the first 10 days of November. They were no better than the desperately bad October figures and Chrysler is already talking of a new round of incentives.

American consumers are wonderfully keen spenders but even their appetite has been somewhat sated after August and September when they spent three-and-a-half times the increment of their personal incomes on personal consumption.

Many analysts believe that sooner or later the dollar devaluation against the OECD countries (the currency has not been devalued against the other 70 per cent of American foreign trade) will produce better exports and lower imports.

However, the agreement between the Federal reserve and the West German and Japanese central banks to maintain narrow bands, within which those currencies will fluctuate against the dollar, has turned out to be an excuse for the Japanese to devalue and for the mark to be provided with a very definite ceiling of 50 cents.

Consequently, since the October low, the index of the dollar against the leading currencies has risen 3 per cent, thus reversing the downtrend of the dollar and imparting another deflationary twist to the American economic experience.

The bond market began to feel better about things last week, with the result that both the 10-year and the 30-year issues in the recent $29 billion (£20 billion) Treasury auction have risen respectably above their issue prices.

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Geoffrey Mulcahy: Making Woolworth assets work harder

Woolworth seeks ADR dealings

By Michael Clark

Woolworth Holdings has applied to the New York Stock Exchange for permission to have its shares quoted in the form of American depository receipts.

Dealings are expected to start in the new year. In the next few days, Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, and fellow director, Mr Nigel Whittaker, are meeting a number of fund managers and brokers in New York and Chicago.

Many observers in the City are interpreting Woolworth's decision to apply for ADR dealings as another attempt at shoring up its defences.

This year, the group fought off an unwanted £1.9 billion bid for its arch-rival, Dixons, after an acrimonious and bitterly contested battle.

Mr Mulcahy and Mr Whittaker last week met the number of brokers and fund managers, including M & G, who backed them in the fight with Dixons, in order to keep them up to date with events.

Woolworth has good reason to keep its institutional backers sweet. On Friday, Woolworth's share price closed at 655p. It has been as low as 620p in the past few weeks. The final Dixons offer was worth 900p in cash.

There is a growing feeling in the City that the new year could see another bid for Woolworth — possibly after the figures are announced in March.

Mr Ralph Halpern's Burton Group is now seen as a possible predator. A bid from Burton would also open the way for Dixons to return.

At present, Dixons must wait a full year under Takeover Panel rules. Mr Mulcahy and Whittaker are only too aware of how vulnerable they remain and are making every effort to make their assets work harder for them.

Both men are confident that they can double sales per square foot from £10 to £20 within the next couple of years. It is the group's portfolio of more than 800 stores, all with prime High Street sites that continues to attract the envious glances of Dixons and other retailing groups.

There could be news soon of Woolworth stepping up its property development side, which is only a small part of the business at present.

Woolworth is not ruling out the possibility of teaming up with the likes of Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation and launching a "mega bid" for a company like Sears, of Ladbrokes, Selfridges and Saxone fame.

Mr Whitaker says: "We are always looking at situations."

Meanwhile, Woolworth is said to be looking for another broker. The US securities group, Goldman Sachs, which advised Woolworth during the Dixons bid is tipped as the most likely candidate.

New pressure for facts on Boesky deals

By Lawrence Lever

The Government is coming under increasing pressure to reveal whether Mr Ivan Boesky the disgraced American arbitrageur, channelled illegal deals through Cambrian and General Securities — the British investment trust formerly managed and chaired by Mr Boesky.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour MP for Livingston, will today demand a Commons statement on the British implications of the Boesky affair. Last week Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, declined to give Mr Cook an assurance that Mr Boesky's insider dealing did not extend to the London market.

Meanwhile the Cambrian accounts for the year to September 1985 reveal that two of the investment trusts' biggest shareholdings were in companies on which Mr Boesky had received inside information from Mr Denis Levine.

The accounts show that Cambrian held £33.8 million worth of shares in General Foods — its largest single holding. In addition, it held £12 million of shares in Boise Cascade.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has said that between February, 1985 and February, 1986, Mr Boesky dealt in the shares of companies — including General Foods and Boise — in response to inside information passed to him by Levine.

General Foods was subsequently the subject of a $5.6 billion bid from Philip Morris.

Moreover Cambrian is named as one of the defendants in a $100 million US class action bought by a former shareholder in General Foods who claims to have lost money as a result of Mr Boesky's activities in the company's shares.

The Cambrian board said on Friday that it is cooperating with a subpoeana served on it by the SEC, demanding trading records going back to 1978.

The board said also that it had been advised it has a complete defence to the American class action. It added that it was "not aware" that Mr Boesky used Cambrian for insider dealing.

Cambrian has appointed S G Warburg, the merchant bank, "to advise them on the alternatives available to achieve the maximum available for shareholders." It has also the Boesky management company and is looking for new investment advisors.

The Board made no statement on the current suspension of its share price.

A move to wind up Cambrian could come from the SEC which now holds Mr Boesky's interest in it as part payment of the $100 million penalty imposed on him.

The SEC is understood to be appointing British merchant bankers to advise it.

Sales war 'behind Comet phone bug'

By Colin Narbrough

The sales war between high street electrical retail groups — and not a takeover struggle — was the most likely reason for the telephone bugging of the Comet executive, Mr Peter Hopper, Comet's parent company, Woolworth Holdings, said yesterday.

Woolworth fought off a £1.9 billion bid in July from the electrical retail group, Dixons, and Dixons was quick to distance itself from any links with the bugging, which took place in September and October.

Mr Nigel Whittaker, external affairs director for Woolworth, said the company had suspected something for some time. "It was almost a relief when the bug was discovered," he said.

Mr Whittaker said: "We do not think any of this is related to bids." It was, however, a "very smart move" to tap Mr Potter's telephone.

Comet's business, he said, involved a lot of "scoop" deals in which £10 million to £15 million bargains could be struck over the telephone.

Mr Whittaker said the eavesdroppers could have picked up information about the wider strategy of Comet, the Woolworth unit showing the most marked improvement, but was unlikely to have given much insight into the overall planning of the parent company.

The police inquiry led by detectives from Bedfordshire has resulted in three private detectives being interviewed and the suspension of an Essex policeman

Yesterday, Essex police could not confirm a report that a second officer had been suspended. The first is reported to have been taken off active duties after investigations into the misuse of the police national computer.

A decision on charges for the civilians and the police will depend on a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions by officers from Bedfordshire.

2% tax cut 'feasible'

By Our Economics Correspondent

A cut in the basic rate of income tax from 29 to 27 per cent is possible in the next Budget without any increase in Government borrowing, according to the London Business School.

In its assessment of the Chancellor's autumn statement, published today, the LBS agrees with the Treasury's forecast of 3 per cent growth next year and also sides with the Treasury on its inflation predictions.

The LBS is the only significant outside forecaster to be more optimistic than the Treasury on inflation. It expects a rate of 3.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of next year, compared with the Treasury's 3.75 per cent forecast.

The LBS admits it was surprised by the large increases in public spending announced in the autumn statement. On the basis of these, and its earlier assumptions on Government revenues, tax cuts would have only been possible if borrowing was allowed to overshoot, the school says.

But, the LBS adds: "The Chancellor believes that borrowing this year remains in line with his £7 billion PSBR target. This suggests a stronger tax base than we had forecast. If this is the case, and if this strength continues into 1987-88, a reduction in the standard rate of income tax to 27 per cent remains feasible within the target."

However, on the balance of payments issue, the LBS is gloomier than the Treasury. It expects a current account deficit of £2.4 billion next year, against the Treasury's £1.5 billion.

LCP chief jubilant at 'rejection'

By Our City Staff

The low level of acceptances so far in the £160 million hostile bid for the industrial holdings group LCP by the expanding retail chain, Ward White, shows that shareholders recognise that the offer is without merit and have delivered a clear cut rejection, Mr David Rhead, the chairman of LCP, said.

In a jubilant letter welcoming the announcement that only 0.42 per cent of shareholders accepted the offer by its first closing date on November 20, Mr Rhead said just because Ward White's motor accessories business, Halfords, sells a range of car spares, it did not mean the company could tackle the highly specialised autoparts operations of LCP's Whitlock business in the United States. The offer has been extended until December 12.

Mr Rhead said that the enormous potential of Whitlock was real enough, as shown by recently announced interim figures showing profits up 49.2 per cent.

Mr David Davies of Schroders, LCP's merchant bankers, said that given the low level of acceptances so far, LCP had every hope of seeing Ward White off entirely.

Panel to consider Datafin request

By Alison Eadie

The full City takeover panel meets this morning to consider an unusual request from Datafin, the McCorquodale management buy-out team.

The panel will be asked to rule on whether an underwriter, in a bid which ties underwriting fees to success, can be considered to be in concert with the bidder.

The panel executive last week ruled there was no concert party between Norton Opax and the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), a core underwriter to the Norton Opax bid.

The KIO had been buying McCorquodale shares at prices above the Opax offer, which it then assented to the bid. Datafin's objection is that the KIO and other underwriting institutions buying shares to assent had a strong vested interest in the outcome of the bid, because their fees were geared to success.

If the panel decides in favour of Datafin, the implication is that all McCorquodale shareholders should be offered the 315p price paid by the institutions. But if Norton Opax was required to raise its bid, shareholders who had sold in the market, knowing that Opax's bid was final, could be prejudiced.

The issue is a tricky one and a new one. Success-geared fees are a relatively new phenomenon. They first appeared in Argyll Group's abortive takeover attempt for Distillers.

Management buy-out offers, which are increased in contested bids, are an even newer phenomenon and first surfaced in the McCorquodale drama.

Some have questioned whether such buy-outs, recommended by the independent directors of the company, should be capable of being raised, as shareholders should surely have been offered a full price in the first place.

The other side of the argument is that if small companies, like Norton Opax, can use success-geared fees to bid for bigger companies, then leveraged buy-outs should have the same advantages. Datafin's financial backers could not buy at above its offer price, because they would have been deemed to be acting in concert.

Lucas outlook 'encouraging'

Sir Godfrey Messervy, the chairman of Lucas Industries, manufacturer of vehicle and aircraft accessories, says in his 1986 review, that despite some unfavourable market conditions, the company's longer-term prospects are encouraging.

Sir Godfrey emphasizes that the £40 million — equivalent to 2.5 per cent of its total turnover — invested last year in training and retraining its employees, reflects its commitment to achieving and maintaining full international competitiveness.

"Our goal must be to ensure that we are equipped with the skills we need to match and beat our competitors. Investing in people is an essential complement to our investment in technology," he said.

Hanson 'misled' pensioners over £80m Courage surplus

By Our City Staff

The battle over the £80 million surplus in the Courage pension fund intensified yesterday with Courage pensioners accusing Mr Derek Rosling, Hanson Trust's vice-chairman, of misleading them on its plans for the surplus.

Hanson's plans to split the three Courage pension funds sparked off a strike at Courage's Reading brewery last month. It had planned to transfer a sum sufficient to cover existing Courage employees to Elders IXL, the Australian lager group which purchased Courage.

At the same time it would retain control of the surplus and responsibility for pensioners and deferred pensions.

At an extraordinary meeting called to approve the Courage sale and pension arrangements, Mr Rosling said: "Hanson Trust has not taken any funds out of the Imperial or Courage pension schemes nor will it do so voluntarily".

The High Court continues its hearing today on whether Hanson can split the Courage pension schemes in the manner it intended.

The High Court case has been instigated by the management committee of the three Courage pension funds, which is asking for a ruling on the legality of the Hanson's plans.

On Friday the court was told that Hanson had already agreed with Elders that if the High Court ruled against the transfer, Elders would pay Hanson another £50 million for Courage.

Mr Martin Taylor, a Hanson director, said yesterday that this arrangement had been made at the time the sale to Elders was agreed. He said there was no inconsistency between this plan and Mr Rosling's statement at the extraordinary meeting.

No mention of the agreement with Elders was made by Mr Rosling at the meeting when he was thoroughly questioned by Courage pensioners over the company's plans for the surplus.

Mr Geoffrey Maddison, former Courage company secretary and spokesman for many disgruntled Courage pensioners, said yesterday: "I think Mr Rosling's statements were misleading. All the time Hanson wanted the surplus and would not let the funds go if it could possibly help it".

He added that some Courage pensioners have already written to their MPs

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: ASEA (third quarter), Borland International, Chamberlain Phipps, Coated Electrodes International, Crown House, Marshalls Halifax, Parkland Textile (Holdings), Rexmore, Sarasota Technology, TR Technology Investment Trust, Unigate, Unilock Holdings.

TOMORROW — Interims: Alexon Group, Allied-Lyons, Alphameric, Bulmer & Lumb, Century Oils, Chancery Securities, Fairbriar, Fletcher Dennys Systems, Hambros, Leigh International, FH Lloyd Holdings, Monks Investment Trust, Powell Duffryn. **Finals:** JH Fenner Holdings, Govett Atlantic Investment Trust, Northern American Trust, Tomkinsons, Towngrade Securities.

WEDNESDAY — Interims: Bassett Foods, BPB Industries, Courtaulds, Magnet & Southerns, Andvik, TR Property Investment Trust. **Finals:** Kwik Save, MEPC, Radio City (Sound of Merseyside), Rolinco.

THURSDAY — Interims: Anglo American Corporation, AF Bulgin, Burnett & Hallamshire, Carless, Capel & Leonard, Dawson International, Matthew Hall, Mercury International, International Leisure Group, Sedgwick Group. **Finals:** Chrysalis Group, North British Steel Group.

FRIDAY — Interims: Business Mortgages Trust, Estates and Agency Holdings, Ferranti, Hille Ergonom, Lewmar, Merrydown Wine.

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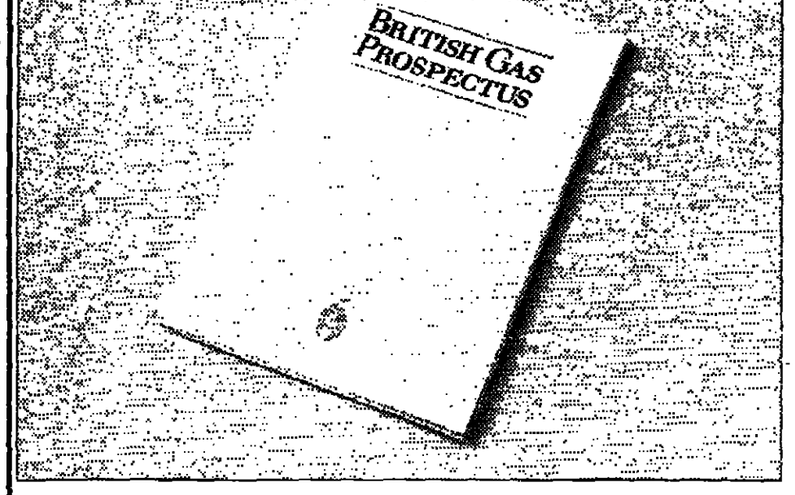

OVER 1,300 tons of British made paper will be used in the documents for the British Gas flotation, delivered to printers throughout the country.

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The money machine that ploughed up Wall Street

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Wall Street has a love-hate relationship with Drexel, Burnham, Lambert Inc. the American investment banking house at the centre of the insider trading storm.

It is both the most resented house on Wall Street and the most admired.

Even venerable firms which regard Drexel as the brash company which invented "junk" bonds – high risk, high yield paper – acknowledge that this one firm and its principal money officer, Mr Mike Milken, have revolutionized corporate finance.

It is the "Milken money machine," built on his uncanny ability to produce investment-grade paper which converted equity into low-grade bonds (gilts), that launched the Drexel revolution.

Mr John Gutfreund, chairman of Salomon Brothers, the investment banker credited Drexel (or more accurately Mr Milken) with building an entirely new business – an investment banking syndicate which exists outside the traditional banking industry.

In the process, the privately-held firm has become one of the most profitable on Wall Street through aggressive financings which helped a new generation of "raiders" reshape corporate America. In 1985, Drexel put aside an estimated $600 million (£422 million) of its revenues of $2.5 billion for bonuses.

"Today, thanks to Drexel, Burnham, no company is immune from raids and no management can afford to ignore the short-term value of its shares," said Mr Andrew Sigler, of Champion International Corporation.

Even "the establishment" on Wall Street has been forced to march to Drexel's tune.

Goldman Sachs is a good example. Earlier this year, the 114-year-old company announced a big expansion, increasing the number of partners and entering new lines of business to keep pace with the trends started by Drexel.

To the public, it appears that Drexel, Burnham suddenly burst on the scene from nowhere in the 1980s, cornering the markets on leveraged buyouts and hostile takeovers.

But it began building the "risk" business much earlier, after the 1975 deregulation

Drexel, Firestone & Co, a fixture on Philadelphia's "main line," was acquired by Burnham & Co in 1973. It was one of the faltering old firms that Mr I W "Tubby" Burnham, who founded his own company in 1935, was buying at bargain prices. In the process, he acquired Mr Milken.

According to *Business Week*, Mr Milken has been fascinated by the inefficiency of the corporate bond market

Mr Milken's research showed him that the old standards of measuring credit worthiness were wrong. He began to play with an old idea – that a company with cash flow and bright prospects was creditworthy even if its book value was low.

Mr Milken produced various paper products based on this principle and worked out how to make a market in them.

By 1981, corporations and Wall Street's new tycoons had discovered they could borrow more cheaply with fewer strings attached by selling "junk" bonds. Low-rated companies have raised an estimated $48 billion through junk bonds and Drexel has handled about two-thirds of the total.

By 1983, the company had moved into leveraged buyouts, handling such deals as Turner Broadcasting's $1.5 billion buyout of MGM-UA Entertainment. In 1984, Drexel rewrote the merger rules by lining up $2 billion to finance Mr T Boone Pickens' hostile bid for Gulf Oil Corporation.

By this time, concerned about its poor image, the company launched an extensive public relations campaign both to sell "junk" bonds and put itself in a better light.

Rent rates for retail warehouse sector soar

The burgeoning retail warehouse market has seen rents rise by nearly double the rate of inflation since 1977, according to research from Healey & Baker, the chartered surveyor.

Retail warehouse rents have gone up by 16.5 per cent a year since 1977 compared with 13 per cent for prime town centre retail rents and 8.6 per cent price inflation, the firm found.

Mr Angus McIntosh, head of its research department, said: "Retail warehousing as a concept has had amazing success in Britain over a very short time."

But there has been a radical change from the days when retail warehouses were situated in converted cinemas in town centres or old buildings on industrial estates.

"The retail park is now part of the future of retail warehousing," Mr McIntosh said. "More and more sites are carefully planned for several units in a retail park with centralized car parking and a variety of leisure facilities."

Free-standing warehouses in poor locations seem doomed to become secondary properties in the sector as retail parks and more sophisticated versions of the genre emerge.

Healey & Baker says that investors must be forward-thinking about retailing and socio-economic developments and selective about location if they are to take advantage of outstanding growth opportunities.

But when looking at property yields it is the industrial sector which is showing encouraging signs, with a 0.1 per cent drop in average yield in the three months from August to November this year, according to Hillier Parker, the surveyor.

In London average industrial yields fell below 10 per cent for the first time since mid-1984, with yields in the South-east also falling as investors return to a market where supply is limited and demand strong.

The City of London and parts of the West End office market are showing static yields, against the trend of rising average office yields. Suburban London office yields are 8.5 per cent.

ANALYSIS

Why insider dealing is so difficult to detect

Like all organized crime, from the Mafia to back street protection rackets, insider trading is very difficult to detect and once, detected, even harder to prove.

And like the Mafia, it is becoming increasingly apparent that its more sophisticated manifestations will escape detection unless a "canary" can be found to do a little singing.

One benefit of the new computerized share dealing system is that it is much easier to monitor transactions, identify suspicious share price movements and follow them up with the broker concerned.

The computer system, compliance officers, newly appointed Government inspectors and routine taping of telephone conversations will all help to deter the casual users of inside information – those who have from time to time taken advantage of a lax system because they could escape without detection.

These measures, unfortunately, will not stop the determined criminal of the sort being discovered in the United States. Too many investigations here and in the US do not unearth more than offshore registered companies in the Isle of Man or the Cayman Islands or some other tax haven.

Recent revelations from New York are beginning to show the size of the problem in the US. But in Britain it is impossible even to guess the extent of insider trading.

Everyone, it appears, is aware that it is going on. It has been a criminal offence since 1980, punishable by fine or imprisonment. Yet so far there have been only five convictions out of the nine cases which have been as far as the courts.

Suspicious share price movements are most often cited as the clearest evidence of insider trading activities. Most research has been conducted in the US, which has more stringent regulations on the conduct of insiders.

Certain insiders, as defined by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, are required to report their transactions in the company's securities and these transactions are published every month.

In Britain, possible evidence of insider trading prior to takeover bids was documented as long ago as 1976 by Professor Michael Firth in *Share Prices and Mergers* (Saxon House 1976).

As a result of the merger mania of the present bull market and the insider trading scandals in New York, some of the more spectacular price movements have attracted public attention but little systematic research has been published.

The staff of the technical directorate at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has conducted a preliminary investigation in an attempt to identify the size of the problem.

Rather than selecting particular bids, the investigators have chosen to analyse the share price movements of the targets of all first-time bids for listed companies announced last April.

Nineteen cases were investigated, including two bids of more than £1 billion and eight under £50 million. The accompanying charts show the individual share price movements of three of the companies in the sample and the aggregate movement for the 30 days before the bid.

The analysis shows that in 15 of the 19 cases, there were noticeable price movements in the 10 days before the announcement.

The average movement for the whole sample was nearly 15 per cent above the market. On the announcement of the bid, there were further significant movements averaging 30 per cent.

The findings provide some evidence of exceptional activity in the shares of some companies prior to a bid announcement. However, the researchers point out that this in itself does not prove either the existence or the extent of insider dealing.

Share price analysis takes no account of the volatility of individual shares. Further, the bidder himself may be accumulating shares before launching his bid up to his allowed 4.9 per cent. This in itself will drive up the price but such tactics will also alert the market.

The presence of a large purchaser of shares will be quickly noticed by speculators who will deal on the back of rumours, pushing up the price ahead of the bid.

But the Technical Directorate argues that share price analysis may have some limited use in policing insider dealing.

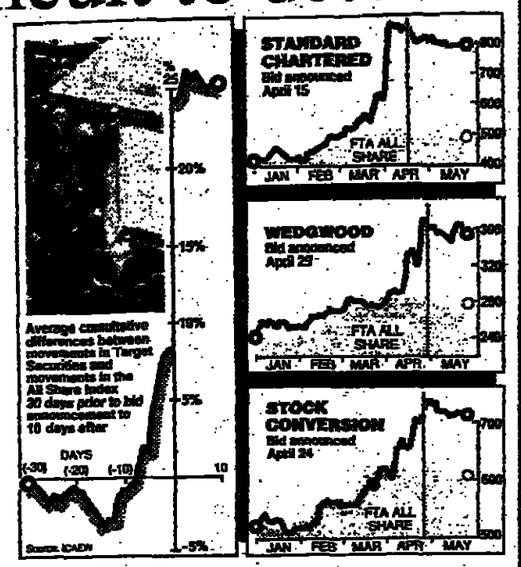
Abnormal share price movements may, for example, signal the need for investigation. But what is needed is a more precise definition than is presently available of what constitutes an abnormal share price movement. Outside the takeover and merger arena, where share price movements are less marked, insider dealing will be even harder to identify

Many observers believe that the true insider deal takes place early on, without disturbing the share price. It is done via an offshore company which protects the identity of the dealer.

To crack down on the serious operator, greater international co-operation is needed, not just between the the United States and Britain but also with the offshore havens.

Only then will the authorities be able to begin to penetrate the web of insider deals.

Carol Ferguson



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
83.5m	Alba	125	-1	3.6	2.9	24.4
424.8m	Alliance	843	+2	31.8	3.8	49.3
117.3m	Amer Trust	143	+2	4.4	3.1	39.6
223.6m	Ang Amer Sec	382	-5	8.9	2.3	61.7
135.8m	Atlantic Assets	111		0.9	0.8	84.7
102.2m	Bankers	132	●-2	3.9b	3.0	49.6
77.3m	Berry	244	+9	1.1	0.7	..
121.8m	Br Assets	83	●-1	2.9	4.8	28.6
50.5m	Br Empire Sec	38	+½	0.7	1.8	52.1
265.1m	Br Inv	473	+5	23.6	4.8	32.4
66.5m	Brunner	104	+4	3.3	3.2	45.4
137.3m	Cont & Ind	619	+15	31.4	3.9	35.1
74.4m	Crescent Japan	221	+4	0.5	0.2	..
17.5m	Derby Inc	149	-1	12.6	8.6	17.8
22.2m	Do Cap	144	+3			
121.8m	Drayton Cons	358	+3	15.4	4.3	33.2
32.3m	Drayton Far East	192	+1	1.6	0.8	..
170.5m	Drayton Japan	633	-10	1.4e	0.2	..
35.2m	Dundee Lon	216	+1	9.6b	3.8	37.4
80.3m	Edin Amer Assot	109	-1	0.9	0.8	85.2
449.5m	Edinburgh	157	● ..	5.3b	3.4	48.2
74.3m	Electric Sec	411	-2	6.4	1.6	68.8
34.3m	English Int	166	●-2	5.5	3.3	48.4
81.3m	English Scot	162		2.9	2.0	51.8
211.8m	Ensign	78	-1	1.3	1.8	58.2
59.0m	F & C Alliance	119	+1	2.6	2.2	52.8
117.8m	F & C Pacific	222	●-2	2.1	0.9	85.7
9,187,000	First Charlotte	12½	-½	0.1	0.8	..
105.1m	First Scot Amer	332	..	15.0	4.5	31.6
89.4m	Fleming American	541	+1	8.2	1.5	66.7
38.5m	Fleming Claver	194	+2	7.4	3.8	37.3
91.2m	Fleming Enterprise	213	..	12.9	4.3	35.1
201.0m	Fleming Far East	133	..	1.4	1.1	..
17.0m	Fleming Fledgling	136	..	3.6	2.6	52.5
168.7m	Fleming Japan	688	●+2	8.7	0.8	..
247.1m	Fleming Mercantile	171	+1	5.6	3.2	44.2
217.4m	Fleming Overseas	184	+1	3.9	2.4	81.2
60.3m	Fleming Tech	153	-4	3.3	2.2	98.7
65.3m	Fleming Universal	146	●+1	2.1b	1.4	71.2
536.0m	For Col	162	..	2.4b	2.4	68.9
71.3m	GBC Capital	99	● ..			
54.8m	GT Japan	208	+4	2.0	1.0	..
65.2m	General Funds	206	-3	2.9	1.4	..
59.5m	General Cons	316	+2	17.9b	5.6	23.9
54.2m	Glasgow Stock	163	+3	3.4	2.1	65.5
650.2m	Globe	126	-½	5.3	4.2	32.1
123.5m	Govett Atlantic	153	+1	4.6b	2.6	47.7
217.4m	Govett Oriental	243	●+5	3.5	1.4	..
262.0m	Govett Strategy	267	●+8	5.4	2.0	66.6
36.0m	Greenfriar	448	+16	2.4	0.5	..
12.3m	Gresham House	200	●-10	8.4	2.8	32.3
111.5m	Henderson	208	..	6.4	3.1	48.1
91.0m	Indis Fund	139	+1			
51.4m	Invest in Success	840	+5	8.2	1.0	..
170.0m	Inv Cap	275	●+1	17.1b	6.2	46.6
37.5m	Ivory & Sime	158	+12	7.1	4.5	21.0
36.6m	Japan Assets	69	●-1	1.2	1.7	..
65.0m	Kleinwort Charter	135	-1	3.5	3.5	45.3
116.3m	Kleinwort O 'seas	145	+1	3.6	2.5	..
13.2m	Kleinwort Smaller	350	+5	12.0	4.0	..
59.4m	Law Debenture	265	..	9.0	3.4	31.8
105.4m	Lon Merchant Sec	66	-1	3.6	5.5	13.4
51.3m	Lon Trust	56	-2	1.1e	2.0	51.5
126.8m	Merchants	124	-1	6.4b	5.2	32.7
2,741.2m	Merrill Lynch	229½	●-½			
175.0m	Monks	228	+1	3.7	1.6	66.0
133.9m	Murray Income	168	..	8.6b	5.3	30.2
211.5m	Murray Intl	177	-3	7.1b	4.0	34.7
97.3m	Murray Small	361	●-7	4.0	1.1	..
44.9m	Murray Venture	423	● ..	14.5b	3.3	46.3
23.1m	New Court	463	+8	22.5	4.9	27.3
6,501,000	New Darien Dl	65	+2	0.9e	1.4	71.4
87.4m	1926	243	+2	5.7	2.4	48.7
126.4m	Nethrog Inc 83	85	+½	4.8b	7.4	18.4
50.9m	New Tokyo	242	+1	1.1e	0.5	..
65.1m	Nth Atlantic Sec	350	-3	4.9	1.4	69.9
3,240,000	Nth Sea Assets	37	..			44.5
132.7m	Nthn Amer	336	+6	7.7b	1.9	72.4
111.5m	Oshkrh	221	..	8.4	2.9	66.8
12.0m	Pacific Assets	100	-2	1.0	1.0	..
	Do Wrnts	44	-1			
6,122,000	Personal Assets	41	..	0.5	1.2	..
117.1m	Realtrust	436	+5	17.1	3.9	44.4
68.8m	River & Merc	185	+1	8.6b	4.6	34.0
44.3m	River Plate	283	..	12.4	4.4	32.8
	Rolinco	295	..			
	Rollrco	235	-5			
105.7m	Romney	370	-4	7.1	1.9	58.7
3,100.0m	Rorento	215½	+½			
54.3m	St Andrews	138	+1	4.9b	2.9	53.7
339.7m	Scottish	451	..	8.9	2.2	66.1
241.7m	Scot American	83	+1	2.8b	3.1	33.3
266.1m	Scot Eastern	128	+1	2.9	2.3	68.0
15.8m	Scot Merc 'A'	98	-1			
692.2m	Scot Mtge	555	●-1	12.6	2.3	59.9
266.1m	Scot Nat	326	+3	7.6	2.3	54.7
142.0m	Second Alliance	740	-8	26.4	3.6	38.5
148.5m	Secs Tst of Scotland	92½	●-1½	4.3b	4.6	34.1
21.8m	Smaller Cos	81	+1½	2.6	2.5	58.8
33.0m	TR Australia	114	●-2	3.3	2.9	33.8
78.2m	TR City Of Lon Dld	60½	●-1	3.1b	5.1	28.6
469.6m	TR Ind & Gen	217	●-4	9.9b	4.7	44.9
51.0m	TR Natural Res	139	+1	5.9	4.3	23.8
84.6m	TR North America	101	+1	2.6	2.6	51.5
125.2m	TR Pacific Basin	182	+1	1.4	0.8	..
68.1m	TR Property	68	+½	5.1b	5.0	45.3
248.6m	TR Tech	115	-½	2.5	2.3	64.2
153.4m	TR Trustees	179	-½	8.0	3.4	35.8
92.1m	Temple Bar	161	-½	8.1b	5.0	20.1
178.0m	Thorngmorton	304	-5	11.9b	3.9	36.4
12.5m	Throg Secured Cap	130	..			
80.2m	Trans Oceanic	223	..	5.5	2.5	55.9
76.8m	Tribune	154	-½	4.0	2.6	44.1
20.4m	Triplerent Inc	39	●-½	17.1	20.1	1.7
265.8m	US Debenture	295	+3	9.3	3.1	60.7
6,221,000	Value Inc Tst	40	●+1	1.8b	4.5	..
16.0m	Viking Resources	40	●-1	2.9	7.2	19.7
68.1m	Westpool	81	-3	2.5	3.1	32.0
384.0m	Witan	112½	+1	2.6b	2.3	63.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,888.0m	American Express	239½	+½			
15.4m	Argyle	72	-1	1.4	1.9	39.5
16.1m	Boustead	27	..			13.5
279.0m	Britannia Arrow	147	●-1	6.0b	4.1	17.2
89.7m	Daily Mail	216	-2	7.0	3.3	12.7
97.2m	Do 'A'	217½	-1½	7.0	3.2	13.4
233.2m	Electra	156	+1	5.2	3.3	12.6
37.4m	Eng Trust	178	+2	4.3	2.4	19.5
636.5m	Exco	271½	+3½	7.1	2.6	17.5
13.3m	Exploration	111	●-2	3.3	3.0	14.6
44.4m	Framlington	198	+3b	12.9	1.7	20.1
15.8m	Frost Gp	111	●-3	7.1	6.4	11.0
127.1m	GT Management	203	-2	4.3	2.1	15.3
38.6m	Goode (D & M)	161	-15	2.5	1.6	45.1
211.7m	Henderson Admin	210½		22.1b	2.2	20.2
81.5m	ICH	199	+11	12.9	6.5	7.3
248.9m	MAI	432	●+14	25.0	5.8	9.1
206.3m	M & G	276	-2	6.1	2.2	33.5
248.5m	Mercantile House	317	+27	20.0	6.3	6.0
63.6m	Peoples Inv Tst	127	+2	0.5	0.4	..
	Do Warrants	32½				
45.3m	Smith New Court	185	-1	10.0	5.1	8.1

APPOINTMENTS

Armitage & Norton: Miss Helen Ashley becomes a partner.

Morgan Grenfell Laurie: Mr Martin J Messenger has been appointed associate director.

British Rail Engineering: Sir David Nicolson and Mr John O R Darby are appointed non-executive directors.

Rossmore Warwick: Mr Brian Gould becomes a partner.

Taylor Nelson Group: Mr Brendan Connelly has been appointed financial director.

Charterhouse Development Capital: Mr Richard Kemp becomes a director.

Egerton: Mr Peter Moores has been appointed non-executive director.

Food and Drink Federation: Mr Ross Buckland is elected president, succeeding Sir Derrick Holden-Brown and Mr Jeremy Pope becomes vice-president.

National Westminster Bank: Sir John Kingman has been appointed a director of the South-west regional board.

Durrant Piesse: Mr John Pearson and Mr Malcolm Robson become partners from January 1.

Rockware Glass: Mr Duncan Rotherham becomes managing director. Mr Brian Webb becomes managing director, Knottingley Region.

Russell Brothers (Builders): Mr Michael Roberts has been appointed managing director.

British Invisible Exports Council: Mr David Thomson has been appointed director-general designate. He is to succeed Mr William Clarke who retires in June 1987.

The National Nuclear Corporation: Mr Derek Taylor becomes deputy managing director and Mr Neil C Forsyth director of personnel and corporate services.

Bank Leumi (UK): Mr Mordechai Einhorn is elected chairman from January 1, succeeding Mr E I Japhet. Mr Frank Sanshall becomes deputy chairman and Mr David Friedman director.

Watney Mann and Truman Brewers: Mr Michael Delahooke has been appointed deputy managing director, commercial.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Grds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
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USM REVIEW

Putting a shine on a dull rating

Two companies reported this week on their first full year's trading since their flotation on the USM in 1985 — Abbeycrest, a jewellery manufacturer and TMD, a media advertising specialist.

Share prices of both companies have been dull since their launch but good results from both offer the prospect of a better performance in the coming year.

Jewellery stocks do not usually enjoy expensive ratings and apart from the very steady but unexciting engagement ring market, much of the rest of the trade is heavily dependent on the discretionary Christmas market.

Companies involved at the lower end of the market have had a volatile record, but Abbeycrest is proving the exception to the rule.

Abbeycrest originally came to the market in April 1985 and was founded to exploit the market for inexpensive gold and sterling silver jewellery, mostly nine carat gold necklaces, bracelets and ear-rings.

The company prides itself on its design flair and its ability to turn detected trends in the market place into suitable products in as little as six weeks.

Abbeycrest announced pretax profits of £1.01 million for the year to August but is in the process of changing its year end to December and will therefore be reporting again early next year. The 12-month period to December 1986 is expected to show pretax profits in the region of £1.25 million, suggesting that it is not over-dependent on Christmas trade.

The company is hoping to continue its 30 per cent compound growth in profits. The shares were originally placed on an historic price/earnings ratio of 16.8 times; expensive for a jewellery stock — even one with a good record. However, the rating is now 13 times historic and is beginning to look better value.

TMD's profits showed a 39 per cent increase to £702,000. The growth in the business came from its existing client base and new accounts.

TMD's market continues to grow in real terms and the company's involvement in television media buying — which enjoys higher margins — is increasing. The present year has started well but the shares are not helped by being in the marketing services sector where p/e ratios are drifting downwards.

Reports of further defections in a financial public relations consultancy were confirmed this week by the announcement of a senior executive's departure from Broad Street Associates to set up his own business.

The departure appears amicable in that Broad Street will take a 20 per cent stake in the company.

Isabel Unsworth

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,148,000	A & M Gp	10½	-½	0.6e	5.7	16.0
5,418,000	ATA Selection	58	●-3	2.1	3.6	15.5
8,646,000	Abbeycrest	132	-2	3.6	2.7	16.8
6,380,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	68		1.7e	5.2	14.8
—	Access Satellite			4.61		
27.2m	Acorn Comp	41				2.9
768,000	Acsis Jewellery	14	-3			7.5
4,000,000	Adam Leisure	16	-1			2.0
5,462,000	Airspring	90		7.7	8.6	
31.2m	Alida	280	-5	9.6	3.4	15.8
21.2m	Anglia Secure Hms	230	+3	2.3	1.0	31.9
6,462,000	Ansler	110	+2			
7,988,000	Appletree	151		2.9	1.9	14.8
37.7m	App Holographics	348	-8			
	Do Wrnts	305	-5			
30.3m	Aspen Comms	318	-2	4.4	1.4	33.1
54.0m	Aspinall	104	-4	8.6	8.2	5.8
88.1m	Asprey	555	-10	14.3	2.6	15.9
2,216,000	Assoc Energy	32				7.9
12.1m	ASD	170	-5	11.4	6.7	7.3
11.1m	Atlas Equipment	128	-5	7.0	5.1	12.5
5,191,000	Autologic	91	+5	8.6	9.5	18.0
5,317,000	BBB Design	65		1.4	2.2	16.8
12.0m	BCE	43	+½	1.4	3.3	14.3
6,228,000	BPP	200	-6	7.1	3.6	16.3
4,014,000	BTS Grp	78		5.7	7.3	9.2
5,700,000	Bedford (William)	120	+4	6.4	5.3	11.1
23.9m	Bennett & Fountain	24½	●-½	0.7	2.9	20.6
3,563,000	Bensons Crisps	48	-2			13.5
18.0m	Berkeley & Hay	14¼	-1			24.6
15.7m	Berkeley Exp	64½	+1½			9.0
1,944,000	Bio Isolates	17	-2			
2,589,000	Biomechanics	31	+1			
8,100,000	Bipol	40½	-1	1.6	4.4	10.1
8,700,000	Blanchards	114	●+2	6.4	5.6	12.4
6,412,000	Blenheim Exhib	140		3.0	2.1	21.5
15.2m	Bluebird Toys	256	+1	5.0	2.0	19.8
73.0m	Borland	147	+1			
3,565,000	Brewmaker	20	●-1	1.1	5.5	10.6
4,559,000	Brikat	88	-3	6.0	6.8	8.5
39,000	Brim	1		5.4	..	0.1
5,310,000	Br Bloodstock	158	-5	12.6	8.1	7.3
9,540,000	Br Island	53	-2	4.0	7.5	9.6
10.7m	Broad St	47	+4	1.6	3.4	
15.9m	Brookmount	336	+2	5.0	1.5	18.3
10.5m	Brown (Charlie)	175		4.3	2.5	20.1
5,486,000	Bryant (Derek)	225	-5	11.8b	5.2	8.0
—	Bula Resources	2½	-⅛			
3,826,000	CCA Galleries	88	-2	3.4	3.9	13.1
13.7m	CML Micro	160	+20	2.5	1.8	16.4
1,543,000	CPS Comp	6¼		1.4	22.4	3.3
4,701,000	CPU Comp	29	-1	●		16.1
17.8m	CVD	142	●-2			
—	Caledonian Oil	125				
3,250,000	Camotech	65		2.9	4.5	13.3
39.9m	Cannon Street Inv	172	-8	3.6	2.1	25.6
17.7m	Chancery Secs	130	+1	3.1	2.4	15.7
7,000,000	Checkpoint Europe	175	-15			15.4
16.8m	Chelsea Man	156	+23	3.1	2.0	25.6
330,000	Chem Methods	8½	+1	3.0	31.6	
11.8m	Cheshire W	233		5.2	2.2	24.8
2,650,000	Cifer	17	+5½	..●		2.5
6,213,000	Citygrove	90		3.6	4.0	13.7
7,041,000	Cityvision	40	+1			
1,523,000	Cityvision 7%	725	-25			
4,115,000	Circaprint	78		1.5	1.9	9.0
10.7m	Clarke Hooper	150	-3	3.3	2.2	20.3
5,865,000	Clogau Gold	26½	-1			
20.2m	Cluff Oil Hdgs	48	-4			
16.6m	Coated Electrodes	105	+2	5.6	5.3	12.2
19.5m	Cobra Emerald	62				
12.9m	Colne	140	-1	3.9	2.8	15.3
3,111,000	Colorgen Inc	28				
6,129,000	Comp Financial	158	●+2	3.3	2.1	29.0
3,420,000	Compsoft	45	+2			7.5
13.9m	Consultants	138	+5	1.8	1.3	28.8
2,026,000	Cons Tech Invs	40		7.1e	17.8	28.8
8,369,000	Conti Microwave	165	s+15	3.2	1.9	19.4
7,838,000	Cowells	108	●-7	3.7	3.4	15.0
10.0m	CPM	98		2.5	2.6	14.5
5,988,000	Cramphorn	413	●-17	8.8	2.1	18.2
4,240,000	Cranbrook	53	+2	0.7e	1.3	14.0
5,982,000	Cranswick	107		7.8	7.1	9.3
4,696,000	Craton Lodge	83	-3	2.8	3.4	17.5
6,601,000	Creighton Labs	180	-5	5.3	2.9	22.0
7,320,000	Crown TV Prods	77	-3			
8,576,000	Crusts	134	●-23	1.5	1.1	14.9
4,217,000	DBE Tech	45	+1			41.7
3,461,000	DJ Sec Alarms	85	-3	2.1	2.5	8.9
10.5m	Datron	70	●	1.4	2.0	12.9
10.2m	Dawes (DY)	201	+2	4.9	2.4	22.5
4,816,000	Dean & Bowes	76	-1	2.9	3.8	18.5
1,960,000	De Brett (Andre)	24½	●	0.4	1.8	12.3
13.7m	Debtor	165	+15	5.7	3.4	..
2,578,000	Delmar	44	-2	2.9	6.6	8.7
19.4m	Dencora	115		2.9	2.5	15.9
8,700,000	Densmans Elec	90		5.4	6.0	6.6
3,042,000	Dewey Warren	71	-2	10.7e	15.1	4.8
10.8m	Dialene	285	+6	7.0	2.5	15.5
29.3m	Druck	469	●-5	6.3	1.3	22.3
3,063,000	Dunton	17	-3	0.6	3.5	19.8
4,302,000	Eadie	48	-2	2.5	5.2	14.9
13.2m	Ealing Elect Optics	128	-5	3.1	2.5	21.9
1,744,000	Ecobric	20	-3	0.4e		
40.5m	Edin Fund	270	-7	9.3	3.4	36.1
3,308,000	Edin Oil & Gas	31	r	..●		77.5
32.6m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	427	+18	9.6	2.2	19.7
11.2m	Electron House	128	●	4.9	3.8	18.8
7,836,000	Electronic Data P	92	+4	2.3	2.5	13.5
20.8m	Emlax	39	+1			
1,143,000	Entertainment Prod	15	+6	1.4	6.6	7.1
11.3m	Equips	169	-8	7.1	4.4	13.4
10.7m	Eve Construction	115	+2	6.4	5.6	13.0
32.4m	FII	275				
21.8m	FKB Gp	241	-2	3.6	1.5	25.8
13.4m	F & H Group	143				
5,574,000	Feedback	66	-2	3.9	5.9	23.7
4,563,000	Fergebrook	18	-2	●		1.5

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
192.0m	Fields (Mel)	128	●+6			
4,738,000	Fletcher Dennys	60	+2	3.5	6.0	14.0
10.1m	Flextech	48	-2			8.5
46.8m	Fogas	268	+12	256	95.5	..
7,315,000	Floyd Oil	39	-3			18.0
7,251,000	Ford & Weston	82	+2	4.3	5.2	9.8
27.6m	French Conn	175		7.5	4.3	11.4
56.6m	Freshbake	128	-2	2.7	2.1	21.4
43.2m	Fuller Smith 'A'	380	+14	5.9	1.6	18.7
11.6m	Gabbicci	145	-11	4.3	3.0	17.0
7,006,000	Gee (Cecil)	80	+2	3.7	4.6	
2,800,000	Gee/Rosen	40		2.4	6.0	12.1
3,520,000	Gibbon Lyons	88	+5	3.2	5.9	15.2
8,986,000	Gibbs Mew	163	+10	5.1	3.1	17.9
24.4m	Gilbert House	65	-6			
1,720,000	Global Gp	43	●-1	3.9	9.1	8.8
4,742,000	Godwin Warren	96	●..	3.1	3.2	14.0
15.4m	Goodhead Print	148	..	4.3	2.9	16.3
2,354,000	Gould (Laurence)	115		5.3	4.6	9.3
9,520,000	Granyte Surface	68	+2	3.0	4.4	11.9
16.1m	Great Southern	168	+4	7.4	4.5	14.2
12.0m	Green (Ernest)	163	●+10	4.9	3.0	15.8
1,950,000	Greenwich Cable	39	+4			
16.1m	Grosvenor Sq	122	+7	8.8	7.0	9.8
1,283,000	Guernsey Atlantic	190		3.5	1.8	55.9
8,283,000	Hampden Homecare	83	●-2	2.1	2.5	13.3
10.7m	Harvey & Thomp	288	-2	8.6	3.0	19.0
81.5m	Havelock Europa	263	+10	5.7	2.2	24.8
5,807,000	Health Care	48		1.1	2.4	18.3
2,462,000	Hemdtree	462	+2	12.3	2.7	18.1
4,302,000	Do 'A' LV	398	+3	12.3	3.1	15.8
—	Henderson Prime	145				
7,800,000	High-Point	160	-5	2.5	1.8	19.8
3,295,000	Highland Part.	62	+2			
8,837,000	Hille Ergonom	78		2.9	3.7	12.5
6,421,000	Hobson	41	+2			
12.0m	Hodgson	138		3.0	2.2	23.0
7,150,000	Holden Hydroman	185	+17	4.6	2.5	28.7
—	Holmes Protection	120	●-1			
13.0m	Hughes Food	31	-½	0.7	2.3	22.3
1,762,000	Humbrol Elec	7½	-½	0.4	5.3	7.6
29.1m	Hunter Saphir	188	+13	3.8	1.9	24.5
18.0m	Huntleigh Tech	190	●-2	2.1	1.1	22.9
7,192,000	INSTEM	160	●..	3.6	2.3	13.7
2,490,000	Iotec	15	+1	3.0	20.0	1.9
19.3m	Ind Scot Energy	85				10.2
5,574,000	InfraRed	85	-10			
11.5m	Intereurope Tech	230	●+10	8.3	3.6	11.5
39.8m	Interlink Express	208	-2			
15.4m	Israel (Jack L)	28	-1	0.7	3.0	17.8
47.7m	JS Pathology	400	+28	3.3	0.8	38.8
15.5m	Jaques Vert	171	-5	7.9	4.6	16.1
1,120,000	Jebsens	7	-1	..●		0.2
7,896,000	Johnson & Jorg	120	●..	6.0	5.0	13.7
11.1m	Johnstones Paints	108		8.1b	5.8	11.8
6,025,000	Just Rubber	87	+3	2.8	3.8	11.1
16.9m	KLP	285	-8	4.7	1.8	16.0
9,380,000	Kent (John)	78	●+1	2.1	2.7	14.3
7,103,000	Kenyon Secs	315	..	14.9	4.7	15.2
3,096,000	Kewill Systems	55	-1	1.7	3.1	8.1
8,323,000	Klark-Teknik	58	●-5	1.8	2.9	14.2
5,747,800	LPA Ind	88	..	3.9	4.4	8.7
5,378,000	Laidlaw	63	..	4.1	6.5	7.8
5,747,000	Laidlaw Thomson	108	●+3	5.6	5.2	13.0
33.2m	Leisure Inv	57½	..	5.1	8.9	19.4
22.1m	Lewmar	93	..	3.8	4.1	11.5
13.7m	Local Lon Gp	280	..	5.0	1.8	31.5
4,433,000	Lodge Care	89	-3	2.9	3.3	18.5
10.4m	Lon & Clydeside	115		8.0	7.0	10.4
8,883,000	Lorin Elect	165	●-2	3.6b	2.2	14.6
4,882,000	Lysander Pet	31	+1			--
7,980,000	MS Cash & Carry	85	-3	5.1	5.4	
6,400,000	MMT Comp	320	+10	7.1	2.2	14.3
4,655,000	McLaughlin & Har	115	..	10.0	8.7	6.8
10.8m	Magnetic Materials	60		2.7	4.5	8.4
2,848,000	Malmet	115	●-10	1.4	1.2	36.1
5,591,000	Marina Dev	75	-1			
13.0m	Martin (Ronald)	160	●-3	4.7	2.9	21.8
1,980,000	Mastpoint	18	+1			
13.5m	Mayfair City	113	+1	4.3	3.8	20.9
59.9m	Meadow Farm	295	..	5.4	1.8	25.8
—	Mecca Leisure	145				
13.5m	Media Tech	123	●-5	4.0	3.3	9.4
4,592,000	Mellerware	82	●-4	4.4	5.4	19.2
4,967,000	Memory Comp	20	-1	232	..	3.8
1,721,000	Memcom Int Hldgs	25	-7	5.0	17.9	1.9
19.4m	Menvier-Swain	178		3.8	2.0	18.7
13.8m	Merrydown Wine	375	+17	7.8	2.0	22.8
10.5m	Metal Bulletin	120	..	6.3	5.3	18.9
8,500,000	Metsec	78	●..	3.7	4.9	11.1
5,445,000	Michael (John)	65		1.7	2.8	18.0
57.8m	Microfilm	620	-26	4.3	0.7	42.8
4,590,000	Microlease	135	●-5	5.7	4.2	11.1
9,097,000	Microvitec	33½	-1½	1.8	5.4	14.7
19.5m	Midsummer Inns	417	-11	3.6	0.9	31.0
8,853,000	Miller & Santhouse	178	-6	3.2	1.8	39.3
11.0m	Millward Brown	180		3.6	2.3	34.9
3,510,000	Miss World	180	-25	7.9	4.4	8.5
—	Mnemos		..	..f		
6,469,000	Moorgate Gp	103		2.0	1.9	18.1
15.7m	Monks & Crane	119	+1	3.9	3.3	14.9
24.7m	Monotype	135	●-2	6.3	4.7	
1,986,000	Morley (RH)	53	-4	2.5	4.7	14.7
5,152,000	Morris (William)	15½	-1			8.8
3,078,000	Moss Advertising	81	+5	3.5	4.3	9.3
12.8m	Musterlin	192	●..	4.2	2.2	18.6
15.9m	NMW Comp	235	●-20	8.6	3.7	12.8
9,450,000	New Ct Nat Res	13½	+½			8.6
—	Do Wrnts			..f		
5,474,000	New England Props	21	-1			10.1
825,000	Do 10%	275	..	1000	10.3	..
8,206,000	Newage Trans	70	-1	5.0	7.1	7.9
13.1m	Nimslo	12	+4	..●		
8,746,000	Norank	138	-3	4.3	3.2	17.8
3,328,000	Norbain	48	-15	1.9	2.1	5.2
9,208,000	Norscot Hotels	161	●-12	3.8	2.2	17.7
6,093,000	Nth Sea & Gen	23				4.6
2,351,000	Oilfield Inspec	33		2.9e	8.8	4.9

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
—	Optometrics	20				
21.4m	Osborne & Little	305	+2	4.3	1.4	29.4
23.8m	Owners Abroad	41½	+1	2.1	6.1	11.8
5,014,800	PCT	119	+8	4.6	4.1	12.9
8,041,000	Pacer Systems	180	-5			
2,500,000	Pacific Sales	50	●-1	4.3	8.8	12.0
5,120,000	Panthernelia	128	-3	6.3	4.1	11.7
80.7m	Pandluid Gp	202	-13			
4,104,000	Paul M Lee	56	-2	..●	..	24.7
22.5m	Pavion	24	..	..●		4.3
37.6m	Pepe Group	160		4.7	2.9	15.4
12.2m	Pericom	163	+28	3.3b	2.0	76.5
3,072,000	Perkins (J)	32	+2	1.7	5.3	7.8
5,427,000	Personal Computer	108	+5	4.3	4.0	11.0
10.3m	Peters (Michael)	148	●-2	3.7	2.5	22.4
1,980,000	Petrogen	18				
2,282,000	Piccadilly Radio	29		2.9	10.0	9.9
2,988,000	Pict Pet	35	-3			4.8
8,000,000	Pineapple	72				
3,174,000	Plasmec	68	+3	1.0	1.4	8.5
7,197,000	Platon	176	-4	4.4	2.5	12.8
14.8m	Plum Hldgs	99		4.3	4.3	14.6
9,900,000	Polytech Marine	110	-5			
10.7m	Powerline	88	●+10	2.9	3.3	11.8
8,176,000	Procesprint	112		3.6	3.2	12.9
9,366,000	Quarto	130		4.5	3.5	14.4
6,277,000	Quested	185	-5	6.3	3.4	12.5
14.4m	Radamec	98	-2			
792,000	Radio City 'A'	36	+6	..●		7.0
2,857,000	Radio Clyde	50	-3	4.6	9.2	16.2
10.8m	Radius	108		1.4	1.3	16.2
2,863,000	Ramco Oil	17	+5	..●		4.1
4,428,000	Ramus	100	●-3	7.7	7.7	8.7
3,780,000	Randsworth	45	●	0.4	0.9	
3,570,000	Real Time Control	61	-4	2.9	5.7	14.7
886,000	Reliant Motor	18	-1			13.7
42.2m	Rivlin	116	-5	0.1	0.1	..
5,926,000	Rockwood	58	-2			
2,565,000	Rolfe & Nolan	89	..	2.8	2.9	42.7
4,827,000	Rotunda	95		4.3	4.5	11.5
10.1m	Ryman	108	-6	..	..	-
17.8m	SAC	138	+3	2.9	2.1	18.7
9,563,000	Sangers Photo	75	●-5	3.2	4.3	21.7
4,305,000	Sapphire Pet	20	-5			2.7
10.7m	Savage	124	●-2	4.3	3.5	15.8
1,198,000	Scanro	97	●..	5.7	5.9	7.9
13.3m	Scanronic	123		2.5	2.0	21.4
41.2m	Scot Heritable	143	-2	4.8	3.2	12.5
8,865,000	Securiguard	128	-3	3.9	3.0	23.7
2,195,000	SelecTV	18	-1			
23.8m	Share Drug Strs	285	-18	3.4	1.3	23.2
4,253,000	Sheldon Jones	83	..	6.6	8.0	8.7
6,480,000	Sherwood Comp	235		4.6	2.0	28.3
13.8m	Shield	170	-5	2.9	1.7	28.8
4,934,000	Sigmex	57		0.8	1.4	20.0
4,109,000	Sims Catering	110		5.7	5.2	13.6
10.4m	Sinclair (William)	215	●-5	8.8	4.1	15.0
11.6m	Smallbone	208	●	5.1	2.5	19.4
11.2m	Snowdon Bridge	172	●	4.3b	2.5	20.2
3,900,000	Soundtracks	39	+8	1.7	4.4	11.9
24.4m	Sthn Bus	158	+7	4.3	2.7	9.1
7,814,000	SW Resources	15	+1			6.0
5,400,000	Space Planning	108		2.8	2.4	20.6
3,815,000	Spectra Auto	68	●+3	3.7	5.4	10.7
3,000,000	Spectrum	28		..●		2.9
6,975,000	Spice	90	-1	4.0	4.4	13.6
3,000,000	Splash	60		4.7	7.8	9.8
10.0m	Stainless Metal	201	-2	6.0	3.0	28.7
13.4m	Sterling Pub	98		2.9b	3.0	21.4
9,162,000	Sunleigh Elect	27	●-2½	0.2	0.7	65.1
7,850,000	Sutherland (ET)	51	●-10	4.8	9.4	16.1
1,540,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	110				33.5
9,152,000	Synapse Comp	280	●	3.1	1.2	21.7
19.2m	T & S Stores	240	●-5	4.6	1.9	25.7
8,750,000	TDS Circuits	125		2.8e	2.3	5.4
6,710,000	TMD Advert	125	-1	2.9	2.3	18.4
6,017,000	Task Force	110	-3	2.5	2.3	18.2
12.7m	Tay Homes	240	●+5	7.5	3.1	11.2
3,779,000	Tech For Bus	93	-2	7.7	8.3	9.3
11.5m	Tech Comp	305	-10	4.8	1.5	41.1
7,521,000	Telecomputing	158		2.1	1.3	15.1
8,928,000	Tel Serv Int	78	●-4	3.1	4.0	25.1
16.7m	Thermax	135	+3	7.1	6.3	14.7
51.8m	Therm Scientific	234	●-11	3.9	1.7	21.1
17.9m	Thorpac	215	-10	3.6	1.7	32.0
3,182,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	45		4.1	9.1	8.7
12.8m	Tod (W&J)	153	●+6	4.7	3.1	11.1
1,748,000	Towngrade Sec	33		1.6e	4.8	25.8
10.2m	Trade Promotion	181	-7	6.2	3.4	17.0
46.3m	Trencherwood	483		7.6	1.5	23.8
16.3m	Triton	78	+2	1.6	2.1	18.6
12.0m	Tyne Tees 'A'	251	+8	19.5	7.8	8.4
1,807,000	Utd Ceramic	74	●+1	5.4	7.3	12.5
81.1m	Utd Friendly	535	●	26.0	4.9	..
4,918,000	Utd Packaging	116		4.6	4.0	8.7
9,886,000	Utd Tst Credit	403	●-10	20.0	5.0	..
6,577,000	Usher (Frank)	95	●	6.4	6.7	11.3
6,503,000	Viewplan	80	+2	1.8	3.0	25.0
7,580,000	Wayne Kerr	73	+1	2.3	3.2	8.1
4,973,000	Webber Electro	108	●	3.3	3.1	18.2
3,116,000	Welpac	17	-1½	0.4	2.4	11.8
3,948,000	West Yorkshire	99	-2	5.7	8.1	12.8
7,420,000	Whinney Mackay	165	+1	5.7	3.4	18.7
59.4m	Wickes	180	●	3.6	2.0	21.9
5,160,000	Wilshire Sys	11¼	+¼			51.1
2,090,000	William (Rex) Hldgs	19	-½	1.3	8.8	15.3
99.2m	Wingate	345	r-25	2.7	0.8	58.1
10.7m	Wold	48	●-6	1.1	2.3	42.9
8,600,000	Woolton Better	55				
11.9m	Worcester	263	●+3	7.9	3.0	27.5
12.2m	Wd of Leather	153		3.8	2.4	18.5
11.6m	Wyko	85	-1	3.7	6.6	10.0
—	Xylyx					
14.2m	Yellowhammer	138	-2	2.3f	1.7	20.2
4,165,000	Yelverton	33	-1			
5,720,000	York Mount	65	-1	1.9	2.9	30.1
20.9m	York & Equity	57	-2			..
1,200,000	Do 8%	2100		800	8.0	..
2,300,000	Zygal Dynamics	46	-2	0.7	1.5	8.3

COMMENT

The drug culture of City takeover bids

The current wave of large-scale takeover bids has been written off more than once. The fall in share prices in spring and early summer suddenly made it harder to underwrite offers and a new mood was hailed. Likewise, the rash of references to the Monopolies Commission, which effectively stymied Elders-IXL's attempt on Allied-Lyons and GEC's late quest to buy Plessey, suggested the tide might abate. Now BTR's onslaught on Pilkington has been tagged already as the last great bid battle of the current phase.

Maybe. But the momentum of the City's addiction to takeover bids has become as entrenched as in 1972-73, when the wave crashed on the beach of financial crisis.

The corporate craving can be well illustrated in the Pilkington case. One likely bidder, the mining and materials group Rio Tinto-Zinc, was identified because it was deemed to need a big acquisition. RTZ has recently reduced its loan gearing and a leading City mining analyst reasoned that it had thereby become vulnerable to a bid itself unless it moved fast. In other words, if it did not use its assets to borrow up to the hilt, someone else could borrow from eager lenders to gain control of them.

BTR's need was more subtle. It is, by most tests, a well managed and successful company. But the premium rating of its shares over others with such an apparently uninspiring mixture of businesses depends on the bonus of corporate activity. Buying other companies and cutting their overheads puts the cream on profits growth, providing the identifiable extra attraction it cannot claim for its existing businesses as a whole. BTR is now valued as one of Britain's top ten companies. But it is on a treadmill, needing to make ever larger acquisitions to retain its own image.

Stock market history is littered with conglomerates with management philosophies whose share prices collapsed like a soufflé as soon as, for one reason or another, they ran out of takeover steam. Once the momentum is lost, it is hard to regain because the takeover currency has been devalued.

Ideologues can be left to argue over the wealth created by the estimated £500 million spent in the past 12 months on financial services supplied for the takeover addiction. But anything like that figure gives those who supply the services a powerful interest in keeping the habit going.

The merchant banking group Morgan Grenfell, for instance, made £51 million profit in the first half of 1986, comfortably more than for the whole of 1984, chiefly due to its advisory and financing role in takeovers such as the controversial Guinness bid for Distillers. Even in 1985, Morgan Grenfell drew almost a third of its profits from corporate finance, compared with a seventh in 1981. And takeover activity has replaced conventional capital-raising as the dominant element in corporate finance for leading merchant banks.

Morgan shares got off to a bad start when they were floated in the summer, mainly because of fears that the pace of takeovers might not be sustainable. Morgan had a good share of bids in the £300-400 million range, it was argued, but needed more megabids to keep going. Fortunately, it is advising BTR.

The takeover industry has become an important element in spreading overheads all round the City: for lawyers, for financial public relations to companies fearful of becoming victims; in generating business for stockbrokers and market-makers — and even for insider trading, the black market end of the industry.

Much of the big profit comes in underwriting, where the merchant banks take substantial risks to earn their profits.

Managers of pension and insurance funds and trusts are driven increasingly by the need for short-term performance in an increasingly competitive world. Even the more conservatively managed pension funds usually set aside a proportion to be managed for short-term performance. And that is most readily achieved through the premiums generated by takeovers.

In the end, however, the chain exists to serve the interests of the City institutions as shareholders. Unless Whitehall steps in on the back of public distaste, they will determine whether it continues on the present scale, pausing only when falling share prices threaten underwriting profits.

The takeover culture depends on the big institutions' acceptance that it increases the overall value of their holdings; that in the long run, the bidders will create more wealth than their victims, so that swapping one share for another yields more than a zero sum.

Those higher returns might be earned in a different way: by pushing company managements to perform better and replacing them if they do not. That might also increase economic growth. But, in most cases, that alternative is not available. They can exercise only the power of their dominant shareholdings through the stock market and through the agency of the takeover bidders. Takeovers reflect the frustration of institutional shareholders. The City is unlikely to kick the takeover habit until the big shareholders can use their power directly in the boardroom.

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Sterling crisis 'likely'

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The Baker-Miyazawa pact to stabilize the yen-dollar exchange rate will collapse before the end of the winter, according to James Capel's *International Bond and Currency Review* published today.

The resulting fall for the dollar will have repercussions for sterling, James Capel says, and a winter crisis for the pound is on the cards.

The pact between Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, to stabilize the yen-dollar rate around present levels will fail because of the return of protectionist pressure in the US Congress, the review says.

Faced with such pressure, and a Democrat majority in the Senate, the Administration will be forced to revert to its policy of driving down the dollar to improve the deficit.

A cut in the US discount rate, perhaps before the end of the year, will send the dollar down, dragging the pound with it, James Capel says.

The pound is expected to hold present levels against the dollar but to fall by 10 per cent against the mark over the next 12 months. The dollar is forecast to drop to DM1.85 and 148 against the yen.

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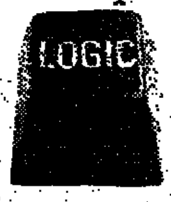

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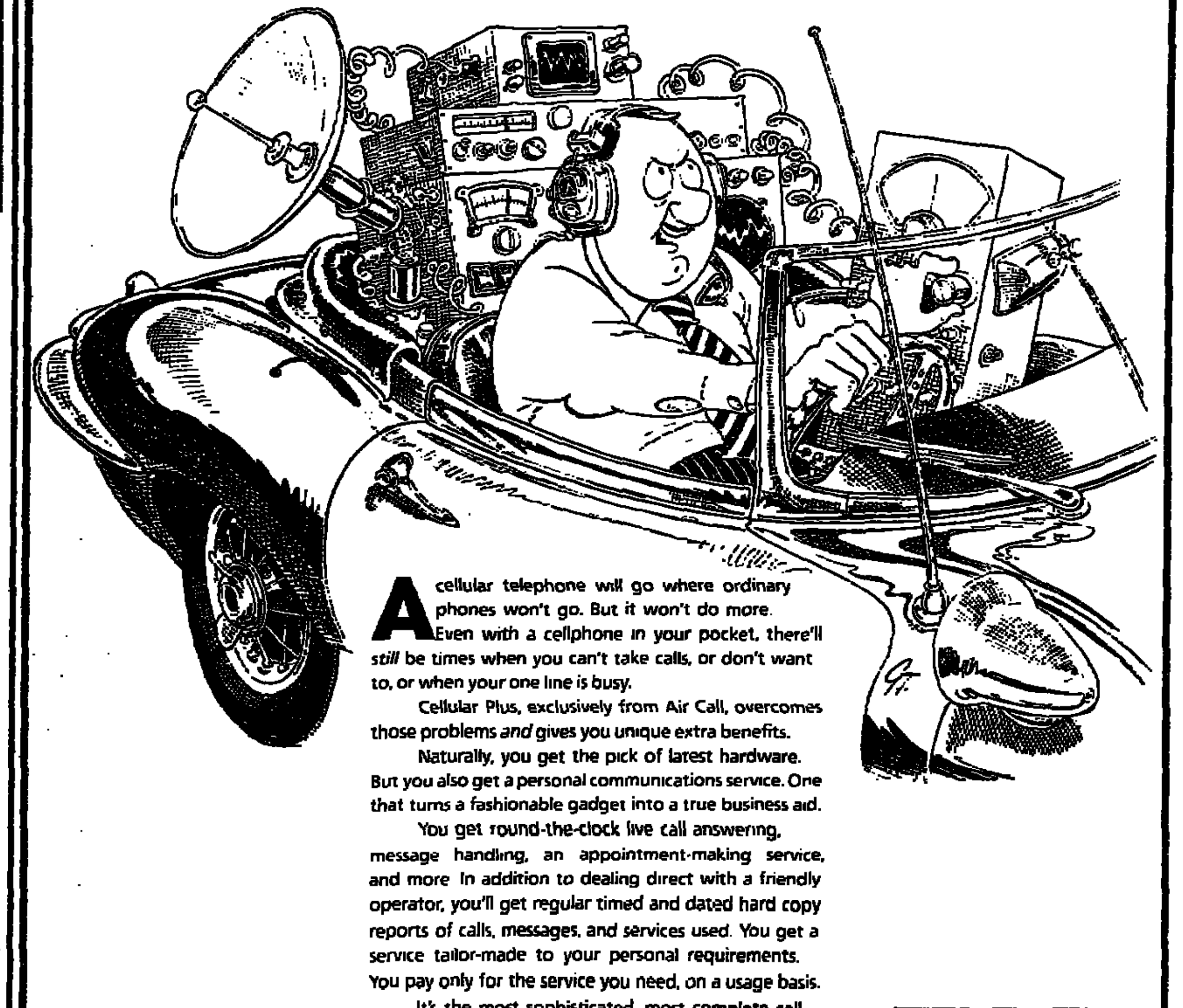

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Priest Marians	Property	
2	Laing Prop	Property	
3	Whitworth Elect	Electricals	
4	Campari	Leisure	
5	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
6	Brixton	Property	
7	Stylo	Shoes,Leather	
8	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
9	Banro Ind	Industrials A-D	
10	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
11	Aberdeen Constr	Building,Roads	
12	Howard Shut	Building,Roads	
13	Slough Estates	Property	
14	APV	Industrials A-D	
15	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
16	AC	Motors,Aircraft	
17	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
18	Dewhurst	Electricals	
19	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
20	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
21	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
22	Dew (George)	Building,Roads	
23	Comcap	Electricals	
24	Coates Bros	Chemicals	
25	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
26	Inoco	Oil	
27	Nottingham Brick	Building,Roads	
28	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
30	Pochins	Building,Roads	
31	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
32	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
33	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
34	Beazer (CH)	Industrials A-D	
35	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
36	Scholes (GH)	Electricals	
37	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
38	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
39	AB Food	Foods	
40	Imry	Property	
41	Ash & Lacey	Industrials A-D	
42	Brent Chems	Chemicals	
43	Quick (HJ)	Motors,Aircraft	
44	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
	Daily Total		

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Weekly Dividend

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began today. Dealings end December 5. §Contango day December 8. Settlement day December 15.
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1252m	Exch 13¼% 1987	100¼	..	13.2	11.0
997m	Treas 10½% 1987	99⅝	..	10.3	10.9
869m	Exch 2½% 1987	96⅞	+⅛	2.5	7.1
1545m	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅝	..	10.5	11.3
551m	Fund 6½% 1985-87	98⅞	+⅛	6.6	9.8
1590m	Treas 10% 1987	99⅛●	..	10.1	11.2
919m	Treas 3% 1987	96⅛	+⅛	3.1	8.1
1962m	Treas 12% 1987	100⅝	-⅛	11.9	11.3
484m	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	96⅞	..	8.0	10.5
1434m	Exch 10½% 1988	98⅝	-⅛	10.6	11.3
1122m	Treas C9¾% 1988	97⅞●	-⅛	10.0	11.3
1197m	Treas 3% 1978-88	91¾	+⅛	3.3	8.2
1984m	Treas 9½% 1988	96⅝	-⅛	9.8	11.3
2281m	Treas 11½% 1989	100	-⅛	11.5	11.4
1372m	Treas 10½% 1989	98	●-⅛	10.7	11.3
2380m	Exch 10% 1989	96⅞	-⅛	10.3	11.4
1087m	Exch 10½% 1989	98⅝	-⅛	10.4	10.7
1980m	Exch 11% 1989	98⅞	-⅛	11.1	11.4
531m	Treas 5% 1986-89	88⅞	+⅛	5.7	8.5
1104m	Treas C9¼% 1989	95	+⅛	9.9	11.4
439m	Treas 3% 1989	87¼	+⅛	3.4	8.3
1040m	Treas 13% 1990	104	..	12.5	11.4
1369m	Exch 11% 1990	99	-⅛	11.1	11.3
1289m	Exch 12¼% 1990	103	-⅛	12.1	11.4
460m	Treas 3% 1990	83⅞	+⅛	3.6	8.0
539m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	93⅛●	..	8.9	10.8
1811m	Treas 10% 1990	95⅞	-⅛	10.4	11.4
400m	Exch 2½% 1990	80●	..	3.1	11.4
——	Treas C10¼% 1991	95⅞●	..	..	8.4
2223m	Treas 11¾% 1991	101	-⅛	11.6	11.3
348m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	87	..	6.6	8.5
1381m	Exch 11% 1991	98⅞	-⅛	11.1	..
318m	Treas 3% 1991	79⅞	..	3.8	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
941m	Treas 12¾% 1992	104⅝	-⅛	12.2	11.6
1321m	Treas 10% 1992	94⅞	-⅛	10.6	11.4
911m	Treas C10½% 1992	96⅞	-⅛	10.9	11.3
1386m	Exch 12¼% 1992	102⅝	-⅛	11.9	11.5
1895m	Exch 13½% 1992	107⅝	-⅛	12.5	11.6
1124m	Treas 10% 1993	93⅞	-⅛	10.7	11.4
1146m	Treas 12½% 1993	104¼	-⅛	12.0	11.6
496m	Fund 6% 1993	82⅝	..	7.2	9.6
1374m	Treas 13¾% 1993	109⅜●	-⅛	12.6	11.6
684m	Treas 14½% 1994	114⅝	-⅛	12.7	11.6
1614m	Exch 12½% 1994	104⅝	-⅛	12.0	11.6
1193m	Exch 13½% 1994	109	-⅛	12.4	11.7
1235m	Treas 9% 1994	88⅞	-⅛	10.2	11.3
2391m	Treas 12% 1995	101⅝	-⅛	11.8	11.7
158m	Gas 3% 1990-95	73⅝	-⅛	4.1	7.3
1957m	Exch 10¼% 1995	93⅝	-⅛	11.0	11.3
1087m	Treas 12¾% 1995	106⅝	-⅛	11.9	11.6
1016m	Treas 14% 1996	112⅝	-⅛	12.4	11.7
857m	Treas 9% 1992-96	87⅝	-⅛	10.3	11.2
1623m	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅝	-⅛	12.7	11.7
878m	Exch 13¼% 1996	109⅝	-⅛	12.1	11.5
31m	Redmpt 3% 1986-96	78⅝	+⅛	3.8	..
849m	Conv 10% 1996	91⅝	-⅛	10.9	11.3
1650m	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	-⅛	12.0	11.5
2839m	Exch 10½% 1997	94⅛	-⅛	11.1	11.5
1102m	Treas 8¾% 1997	84¼	-⅛	10.3	11.2
1159m	Exch 15% 1997	119⅝	-⅛	12.5	11.7
735m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	73½	-⅛	9.2	10.8
2382m	Exch 9¾% 1998	89⅝	-⅛	10.8	11.4
1369m	Treas 15½% 1998	124⅝	-1	12.5	11.8
2568m	Exch 12% 1998	103⅝	-⅛	11.6	11.4
982m	Treas 9½% 1999	89⅝	-⅛	10.6	11.1
3057m	Exch 12¼% 1999	105⅝	-⅛	11.6	11.4
1190m	Treas 10½% 1999	95⅛	-⅛	11.0	11.2
1351m	Conv 10¼% 1999	93⅛●	-⅛	11.0	11.2
2017m	Treas 13% 2000	110⅝	-⅛	11.7	11.4
1034m	Conv 9% 2000	85⅝	-⅛	..	11.0
784m	Treas 10% 2001	92⅛	-⅛	10.8	11.1
728m	Conv 9¾% 2001	90⅛	-⅛	10.8	11.0
1435m	Treas 14% 1998-01	114⅞●	-⅛	12.2	11.8
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
661m	Conv 10% 2002	92¼	-1	10.8	11.0
1657m	Exch 12% 1999-02	103½	-⅛	11.6	11.4
1133m	Treas 9¾% 2002	90⅛	-⅛	10.8	11.0
927m	Treas 10% 2003	92¼	-⅛	10.8	11.0
2082m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	116⅝	-1⅛	11.9	11.4
1940m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	102⅛	-⅛	11.3	11.2
835m	Treas 10% 2004	92¼	-⅛	10.8	10.9
219m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	49½	+⅛	7.1	9.3
989m	Conv 9½% 2004	89⅛	-⅛	10.7	10.9
1353m	Conv 9½% 2005	89	-⅛	10.7	10.9
1017m	Exch 10½% 2005	96⅝	-⅛	10.8	10.9
2440m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	110⅞	●-1	11.3	11.1
542m	Treas 8% 2002-06	77½	-⅛	10.3	10.8
329m	Conv 9¾% 2006	91	-⅛	10.7	10.9
3312m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	105⅝	-⅛	11.2	11.1
1484m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	118⅝	-1⅛	11.4	11.1
775m	Treas 8% 2009	77½	-⅛	10.3	10.7
570m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	57	-⅛	9.6	10.4
528m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	75⅞	-⅛	10.3	10.5
1115m	Exch 12% 2013-17	111⅛●	-1⅛	10.8	10.7
UNDATED					
139m	Consols 4%	38⅝	-⅛	10.4	..
841m	War Ln 3½%	33½●	-⅛	10.4	..
74m	Conv 3½%	45⅝	-⅛	7.7	..
18m	Treas 3%	28⅝	..	10.4	..
65m	Consols 2½%	23⅝	+⅛	10.5	..
113m	Treas 2½%	23⅝	+⅛	10.5	..
INDEX-LINKED					
1243m	Treas IL 2% 1988	124⅝	+⅛	2.1	3.6
529m	Treas IL 2% 1990	107¼	+⅛	2.2	3.7
1153m	Treas IL 2% 1996	115⅝	+⅛	2.5	4.3
744m	Treas IL2½% 2001	99⅛	+1⅛	3.1	4.2
685m	Treas IL2½% 2003	97⅞	+1⅛	3.1	4.1
1007m	Treas IL2% 2006	100⅝	+1⅛	2.8	4.0
689m	Treas IL2½% 2009	96⅝	+1⅛	3.2	3.9
1016m	Treas IL2½% 2011	101⅝	+1⅛	3.2	3.8
787m	Treas IL2½% 2013	93⅛	+1⅛	3.2	3.7
1108m	Treas IL2½% 2016	92⅝	+1⅛	3.2	3.7
389m	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	92⅝	+1⅛	2.9	3.7
1001m	Treas IL2½% 2020	91	+1	3.2	3.6

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
100.3m	Allied Irish	238	..	9.0b	3.8	6.9
112.8m	Arbuthnot (Henry)	80	-1	..	..	41.5
828.2m	Aus New Z	247	-1	18.0	8.1	..
1,716.2m	Bankamerica	£11⅛	+1	..	..	..
79.9m	Bank Of Ireland	193	+3	17.0	8.8	..
766.5m	Bank Leumi Israel	£11⅛	..	..	..	..
72.8m	Bank Leumi UK	250	..	1.7	0.7	11.7
803.5m	Bank Of Scotland	407	-2	20.7	5.1	8.9
3,234.8m	Barclays	488	-8	28.1	6.0	6.8
11.0m	Benchmark	38	● ..	2.3	6.1	13.2
89.9m	Brown Shipley	598	..	13.6	2.3	27.9
51.9m	Cater Allen	278	+10	28.9	10.4	34.8
21.9m	Cattles	47½	..	2.9	6.1	13.2
1,882.9m	Chase Manhattan	£25	●+⅛	139	5.6	..
5,083.8m	Citicorp	£28¼	+⅛	208	6.6	..
15.8m	Com Bank Wales	65	-1	3.4	5.2	10.7
1,638.6m	Commerzbank	£109	+2⅛	6.0	0.1	..
8,396.1m	Deutsche Bank	£285⅛	+10½	1200	4.2	..
7,110,000	Equity & Gen	30½	●-2	1.3	4.3	28.8
252.4m	First Nat Finance	191	..	8.6	3.5	11.6
109.7m	Gerrard Nat	268	●+4	22.1	7.7	..
217.0m	Guinness Peat	87½	-1½	2.9	3.3	14.0
355.8m	Hambros	229	+1	10.3n	4.5	9.3
329.5m	Hill Samuel	360	●-1	19.1	5.3	7.9
2,758.0m	HK Shanghai	73	+1½	3.3	4.5	..
12.9m	Joseph (Leopold)	493	-5	17.7	3.6	20.7
23.4m	King & Shaxson	140	+2	12.5	8.9	11.3
314.3m	Kleinwort Benson	528	-2	19.0	3.6	11.4
2,258.1m	Lloyds	425	+6	25.0	5.9	6.6
18.8m	Lon Scot	71	-2	3.7	5.2	13.5
488.4m	Mercury Intl	408	+20	..	..	..
57.0m	Do 8% 'A'	134	..	8.6	6.4	..
1,277.2m	Midland	581	-16	37.1	6.7	20.4
602.3m	Morgan Grenfell	400	●-12	12.1	3.0	..
731.0m	Nat Aust Bk	224	-5	..	..	..
3,669.8m	Nat West	499	-16	27.6	5.6	6.1
36.0m	Ottoman	£116	+4	600	5.2	9.1
144.8m	Provident	294	-4	15.8b	5.3	10.8
——	Rea Bros	81	-4	..	..	..
462.8m	Rothschild (J) Hld	127½	-4½	7.1	5.6	18.3
861.8m	Royl Bnk Of Scot	309	-1	14.3	4.7	8.8
178.7m	Schroders	706	-5	15.4	2.2	13.5
1,243.4m	Stand Chart	800	+21	46.4	5.8	9.9
82.8m	Union	665	-2	52.9	8.0	68.8
1,587.2m	Wells Fargo	£74⅝	..	..	..	..
28.0m	Wintrust	308	+13	7.7	2.5	15.2

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,142.8m	Allied-Lyons	311	-5	13.6	4.4	14.2
2,415.8m	Bass	737	-4	21.7	2.9	15.7
18.2m	Belhaven	71	..	1.2	1.7	29.5
124.2m	Boddingtons	116	-6	4.8	4.1	14.6
134.2m	Brown (Matthew)	583	-8	20.0b	3.4	21.8
22.3m	Buckley	147	-10	4.3	2.9	34.0
78.8m	Bulmer (H P)	147	-5	7.6	5.2	15.1
37.6m	Burtonwood Brew	723	..	15.4	2.1	24.1
39.0m	Clark (Matthew)	447	..	11.4	2.6	15.4
70.5m	Devenish (J A)	195	-14	3.7	1.9	28.8
195.3m	Greenall Whitley	174½	-5½	7.9	4.5	12.8
113.1m	Greene King	270	-6	8.0	3.0	15.4
2,657.5m	Guinness	333	-20	10.5	3.2	12.2
26.4m	Hardys & Hansons	635	+23	25.0	3.9	16.4
87.5m	Highland Dist	71	-1	3.1	4.4	13.7
32.4m	Invergordon Dist	142	● ..	6.6	4.6	9.1
43.1m	Irish Dist	186	-5	6.0	3.2	..
93.9m	Marston Thompson	106	-2	3.2	3.0	18.4
30.0m	Morland	375	+5	9.1	2.4	20.7
624.1m	SA Breweries	228	-16	..	..	..
658.0m	Scot & New	211	-1	10.0	4.7	12.8
165.1m	Vaux	427	-26	16.4	3.8	16.5
992.4m	Whitbread 'A'	257	-16	11.5	4.5	11.9
45.8m	Do 'B'	278	-3	11.5	4.2	12.7
148.0m	Whitbread Inv	230	-10	11.0	4.8	29.5
175.7m	Wolvrhmptn & D	544	-7	12.7	2.3	19.9
6,716,000	Young 'A'	300	-2	11.4	3.8	20.7

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
——	Abbey	178	..	..	..	..
35.5m	Aberdeen Constr	215	●+6	11.8	5.4	19.9
167.5m	Amec	260	●-4	16.4	6.3	14.1
3,900,000	Amcliffe	70	-2	0.1e	0.1	10.8
82.5m	Attwoods	205	-10	7.1	3.5	15.7
953.6m	BPB Industries	504	-6	12.9	2.6	14.8
15.8m	Baggeridge Brick	420	+6	10.2	2.4	15.2
285.2m	Barratt Devs	149	-3	11.6	7.8	15.8
1,411,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	27	● ..	0.4	1.5	5.4
35.9m	Bellway	158	● ..	10.7	6.9	8.8
69.2m	Berkeley Gp	213	-2	3.0	1.4	23.5
9,900,000	Bett Bros	66	+2	4.4	6.7	18.5
16.3m	Blockleys	965	..	38.6	4.0	13.4
823.8m	Blue Circle	641	-9	30.0	4.7	9.1
18.5m	Breedon&Cloud Hill	258	●-7	14.6	5.7	24.3
13.2m	Br Dredging	77	●+1	4.3	5.6	14.1
3,500,000	Brown & Jackson	17½	+½	..	..	44.9
18.5m	Brownlee	89	-1	3.5	5.5	35.0
148.0m	Bryant	148	●-3	5.3	3.6	14.5
27.7m	Burnett & Hallam	14	-½	..	..	1.5
299.9m	Cement-Roadstone	124	+1	4.0	3.2	..
11.8m	Condor Grp	145	-10	3.6	2.5	21.0
418.8m	Costain	502	-13	25.0	5.0	9.3
38.5m	Countryside	439	+1	8.5	1.9	11.6
25.8m	Crouch (Derek)	208	●+42	8.8	4.2	14.9
9,840,000	Dew (George)	123	+5	8.6	7.0	17.3
19.7m	Douglas (RM)	130	..	3.2b	2.5	28.1
21.2m	Erith	110	●+2	5.0	4.5	20.4
1,749,000	Feb	101	● ..	2.5	2.5	13.7
3,472,000	Do 'A'	68	●+1	2.5	3.7	8.3
10.8m	Federated Hsg	120	-2	5.0	4.2	12.6
7,174,000	Finlan Gp	74	●-1	5.4	7.3	21.6
23.8m	Galliford	85	●-1	6.9	8.1	13.2
2,523,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	145	..	2.6	1.8	40.2
33.8m	Gleeson (MJ)	336	..	8.4	2.5	9.6
115.4m	HAT	150	..	5.4	3.6	14.2
16.3m	Helical Bar	480	+9	..	..	..
40.0m	Henderson	182	●-5	10.0	5.5	12.1
63.2m	Hewden-Stuart	64½	●-2½	2.5	3.9	11.4
78.9m	Heywood Williams	198	-2	10.1	5.2	13.2
89.8m	Higgs & Hill	555	●-12	20.1	3.6	15.2
6,381,000	Howard Shut	57	+5	2.0	3.5	22.8
144.6m	Ibstock Johnsen	185	●-6	7.1	3.8	13.9
4,493,000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	443	+3	14.3	3.2	91.5
110.8m	Laing (J)	375½	●-6½	10.7	2.8	10.8
105.7m	Do 'A'	376½	●-5½	10.7	2.8	10.8
38.6m	Lawrence (Walter)	84	●-1	5.7	6.8	6.8
28.4m	Lilley (FJC)	35½	-4½	5.5e	15.5	4.6
101.5m	Lovell (YJ)	384	+1	10.2	2.8	12.9
387.5m	Magnet & South	213	+7	7.4	3.5	25.4
47.8m	Manders	325	-8	12.6	3.9	19.7
315.8m	Marley	125	-1	5.4	4.3	24.0
75.0m	Marshalls (Halifax)	195	+5	7.5	3.8	18.3
11.7m	May & Hassell	125	..	0.1	0.1	..
139.7m	McAlpine (Alfred)	385	-13	18.1	4.8	12.7
119.8m	McCarthy & S	240	-5	4.1	1.7	18.0
258.8m	Meyer Int	253	-11	8.2	3.1	14.0
2,100,000	Miller (Stanley)	35	● ..	1.4	4.0	..
18.0m	Monk (A)	148	-2	9.3	6.3	18.9
241.8m	Mowlem (John)	361	●-17	20.7	5.7	10.8
79.2m	Newarthill	805	..	18.7	2.0	18.1
22.2m	Nottingham Brick	205	+6	9.3	4.5	15.4
34.7m	Persimmon	221	+1	9.0	4.1	9.0
8,853,000	Phoenix Timber	68	-2	..	..	3.2
4,004,000	Pochins	385	●+6	20.0	5.2	10.8
565.5m	RMC	638	●-27	20.6	3.2	14.1
1,049.3m	Redland	390	-8	17.1	4.4	12.6
39.4m	Ruberoid	273	-2	12.6	4.6	9.7
247.7m	Rugby Cement	173½	●-2½	9.4	5.4	13.3
25.7m	Sharpe & Fisher	139	-2	3.5	2.7	18.5
8,168,000	Smart (J)	81	●-1	6.6	8.4	8.9
1,392.5m	Tarmac	441	●-13	13.6	3.1	15.5
418.2m	Taylor Woodrow	299	-9	12.7	4.4	12.6
34.3m	Tilbury Group	174	-6	8.4	4.8	13.2
78.6m	Travis & Arnold	219	-1	6.2	2.8	17.2
5,991,000	Trent	67	-3	1.6	1.8	66.4
8,676,000	Turriff	157	-3	18.0	5.1	35.0
16.7m	Vibroplant	313	-17	15.0	4.8	10.8
37.8m	Ward	288	-3	10.4	3.6	16.3
2,705,000	Warrington (T)	90	+7	1.4	1.6	10.3
39.8m	Watts Blake	197½	●+2½	6.8	3.4	14.0
1,613,000	Wettern Bros	98	-1	1.6	1.7	28.8
14.5m	Wiggins	145	-5	0.7	0.5	17.0
210.6m	Wilson (Connolly)	240	-5	3.2	1.3	19.0
528.0m	Wimpey (George)	187½	●-6½	5.6	3.0	18.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
—	AKZO N/V Bearer	149⅝	+1⅛	4	8.0	..
—	Allied Colloids	221	-2	3.6	1.6	23.2
—	Amersham	433	3	10.5	2.4	22.5
—	Anchor Chemical	236	●+12	6.1	2.6	13.9
—	BTP	135	-3	6.4	4.7	18.3
—	Bayer DM50	116	+2	7	6.6	..
—	Blagden	122	-1	10.3	8.4	18.4
—	Brent Chems	148	●+4	6.6b	4.5	17.5
—	Br Benzol	71	-1	1.4	2.0	17.8
—	Canning (W)	118	●-2	5.1	4.3	19.8
—	Coalite	252½	-6½	10.7	4.2	9.5
—	Coates Bros	188	●+4	7.0	3.7	11.8
—	Do'a'	171	●3	7.0	4.1	10.8
—	Cory (Horace)	20	-½	1.0	5.0	6.7
—	Croda	158½	●-½	10.0	6.4	18.2
—	Do Dfd	132	●3	..	..	13.7
—	Ellis & Everard	209	3	8.4	4.0	15.9
—	Evode	113	+1	4.7	3.9	12.9
—	Fosesco-Minsep	244	+1	12.9	5.3	10.0
—	Halstead (James)	153	●-5	7.1	4.5	9.1
—	Hickson	394	-1	21.9	5.6	10.2
—	Hoechst DM50	169⅝	3	..	..	..
—	Holt Lloyd	100	●-4	8.2	8.2	14.4
—	Imp Chem Ind	1103⅝	-37	48.6	4.6	11.8
—	Laporte	404	+1	12.6	3.1	16.6
—	Leigh	115	-2	5.4	4.7	16.8
—	Norsk Hydro	1134⅝	+12	0.3	..	..
—	Plysu	173	+1	2.6	1.5	22.1
—	Raybrook Hldgs	92	-3	3.7	4.0	10.6
—	Rentokil	141½	-1½	3.7	2.6	17.7
—	Sida BPD	239	-10	..	..	..
—	Sutcliffe Speakman	49	-1	..	..	57.0
—	Wolstenholme Rink	231	●-4	11.4	4.9	26.0
—	Yorkshire Chem	152	3	4.3	2.8	13.7

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CINEMAS AND TV

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
—	Anglia TV'a'	321	-5	13.9	4.3	16.6
—	Central TV	401	-6	..	..	..
—	Grampian	48	-1	2.9	6.0	6.9
—	HTV N/V	215	●-11	12.1	5.6	9.3
—	LWT Hldgs	477	+7	25.9	5.4	11.1
—	Scot TV	355	●-6	15.9	4.5	11.7
—	TVS N/V	264	-7	14.3	5.4	12.0
—	TSW	48½	●-48	2.9	6.0	9.6
—	Thames TV	317½	-12½	15.0	4.7	..
—	Tv-AM	214	●-11	6.4	3.0	..
—	Ulster TV	149½	●+1½	8.9	6.0	5.6
—	Yorkshire TV	174	-14	..	..	..

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DRAPERY AND STORES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
42.9m	Alexon	219	+2	4.6	2.1	14.3
2,392,000	Amber Day	18½	-½	..	..	10.3
24.8m	Aquascutum 'A'	67	●-2	3.6	5.4	22.9
361.2m	Ashley (Laura)	181	-9	2.5	1.4	29.6
38.7m	Beattie (James) 'A'	86	-2	3.8	4.4	12.0
55.2m	Bentalls	133	●-6	3.3	2.5	27.4
14.6m	Blacks Leis	7½	-½	..	..	..
66.0m	Body Shop	660	..	3.0	0.5	84.7
8,031,000	Bremner	68	-2	1.4	2.1	50.7
105.4m	Brown (N)	815	-30	17.1	2.1	28.3
1,466.5m	Burton	270	..	8.1	3.0	15.2
8,418,000	Cantors 'A'	145	+1	3.2	2.2	18.0
8,370,000	Casket (S)	78	●-2	3.1	4.0	27.0
44.9m	Church	430	..	12.1	2.8	17.3
1,211.2m	Coats Viyella	481	-9	17.9	3.9	13.8
148.9m	Combined English	215	-7	10.4	4.8	19.4
28.8m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	147	+6	6.7	4.6	10.9
18.9m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	385	● ..	10.0	2.6	9.6
39.6m	Dewhirst (IJ)	81	●-½	1.3	1.6	17.1
1,198.3m	Dixons Grp	323	-11	4.3	1.3	26.0
231.4m	Dunhill	551	-19	8.6	1.6	18.5
26.3m	Ellis & Goldstein	80½	●+1½	3.6	4.0	11.2
7,380,000	Elys (Wimbledon)	615	●-10	13.6	2.2	22.8
67.9m	Empire Stores	175	●-5	6.6	3.8	17.2
109.8m	Etam	211	-18	6.3	3.0	18.0
1,917,000	Executex Clothes	30	-5	2.9	3.2	8.6
125.9m	Fine Art Dev	189	-5	6.7	3.4	19.7
10.7m	Ford (Martin)	67	-11	..	..	..
6,744,000	Formfinder	201	+1	9.3	4.6	8.4
305.9m	Freemans	487	●-13	10.6	2.5	17.4
23.4m	Gent SR	65	-2	1.4	2.2	39.2
25.1m	Goldberg (A)	147	-4	5.9	4.0	18.8
38.9m	Goldsmiths Gp	244	+20	11.4	4.7	33.8
79.5m	GUS	£14⅝	●+⅛	30.0	2.1	20.4
2,439.4m	Do 'A'	£9⅝	●-⅛	30.0	3.0	19.9
493.7m	Harris Queensway	210	●-6	7.5	3.6	10.7
10.1m	Helene Of London	29½	..	2.3	7.8	9.8
11.6m	Hollas	42	..	3.1	7.4	12.9
9,625,000	House Of Lerose	169	●-1	12.0	7.1	12.3
8,600,000	Jones (Ernest)	85	-3	5.0	5.9	13.8
3,654,000	Ladies Pride	43	-1	1.1	2.6	31.9
154.2m	LCP	186½	-2½	7.3	3.9	27.9
45.0m	Lee Cooper	291	●+1	8.3	2.2	12.7
30.2m	Liberty	675	..	11.1	1.6	22.8
12.0m	Lincroft Kilgour	255	-5	10.7	4.2	17.5
4,954.0m	Marks & Spencer	187	●-6	5.8	3.1	22.5
180.5m	Menzies (John)	385	-3	6.0	1.6	15.4
17.0m	Moss Bros	380	-13	8.4	1.5	25.5
34.7m	Next	212	●-17	7.1	3.5	17.7
8,849,000	Oliver (G)	347	●-3	13.1	3.8	20.2
32.1m	Pentos	84½	-1	1.1	1.3	22.0
12.7m	Preedy (Alfred)	140	-12	5.5	3.9	27.9
195.2m	Ratners (Jewellers)	237½	-8½	4.3	1.8	30.7
9,196,000	Reed (Austin)	360	●-5	7.9	2.3	30.5
39.5m	Do 'A'	159	●-10	8.6	5.4	13.9
4,136,000	S & U Stores	47	+3	..	..	30.9
1,883.0m	Sears	125	●-3	5.0	4.0	16.1
425.0m	Smith (WH) 'A'	286	-3	8.6	3.2	15.7
75.9m	Do 'B'	55	-3	1.7	3.1	16.2
21.4m	Stanley (AG)	84	-2	4.3	5.1	13.6
44.9m	Stead & Simpson 'A'	80	-2	5.1	6.4	10.1
1,185.9m	Storehouse	294	-14	11.0	3.7	15.8
15.2m	Stormgard	11½	-1	..	..	17.2
900,000	Suede Clothes	36	-4	..	..	..
150.1m	Superdrug Stores	423	●-17	7.6	1.8	23.6
38.5m	Tibbet & Britten	147	-5	..	..	..
37.9m	Time Products	76½	-1½	3.2	4.2	13.9
17.7m	Tip Top Drug	183	-7	..	..	22.3
45.9m	Underwoods	169	●-7	4.3	2.5	32.4
282.3m	Ward White	311	●-5	10.7	3.4	16.8
6,889,000	Wigfalls	171	-2	3.6e	2.1	..
16.2m	Windsmoor	74	-4	..	..	..
1,198.6m	Woolworth	648	-7	22.9b	3.5	14.8

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
—	AB Elect	324	●+2	14.3	4.4	16.5
—	Alphameric	225	-1	2.1	0.9	33.9
—	Amstrad	118	● ..	0.5	0.4	12.4
—	Apricot Computers	38	+2	0e	0.0	8.8
—	Arlen	109	-1	0	0.0	40.4
—	Atlantic Comp	208	+28	4.1	1.4	9.2
—	Audio Fidelity	73	-4	0	0.0	23.3
—	Audiotronic	18⅝	..	0	0.0	..
—	Auto Sec	180	●-5	2.3	1.3	12.3
—	BICC	263	●-5	15.7	6.0	14.9
—	BSR	78	●-7	2.5	3.2	9.2
—	Beck	139	-5	0	..	..
—	Borland	147	+1	0	..	..
—	Bowthorpe	535	●-20	10.5	2.0	18.5
—	Br Telecom	194	-4	10.7	5.5	11.3
—	Brown Boveri Kent	90	●-1	5b	5.6	9.5
—	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15	+1	0.1	0.7	26.8
—	CASE	79	-5	0	0.0	6.6
—	Cable & Wireless	322	+15	15	4.7	17.6
—	Cambridge Elec	200	●-5	10.6	5.3	12.0
—	CAP Gp	186	+2	2.1	1.3	21.3
—	Chloride	31	-2	0e	0.0	12.0
—	Do 7½% CPF	220	-3	0	0.0	..
—	Colles Intl	140	-1	3.9	2.8	15.8
—	Comcap	336	●+3	2.4	0.7	16.6
—	Cray Elect	308	●-5	5.6	1.7	28.9
—	Crystalate	219	●-1	7.3b	3.3	12.2
—	DDT Group	156	-20	1.7	1.1	13.7
—	Dale Elect	84⅝	+⅛	4.3	5.7	21.4
—	Dataserv	198	●+40	1	0.5	..
—	Dewhurst	45	+6	1.6	3.6	10.1
—	Do 'A'	41	+3	1.6	3.9	9.2
—	Domino	305	-8	2.8	0.9	20.6
—	Dowding & Mills	43	..	2.3	5.3	11.2
—	Dubilier	155	-5	4.1	2.6	11.4
—	Electrocomponents	385	●+8	9.4	2.4	19.2
—	Electronic Mach	95	..	1	1.2	..
—	Electronic Rentals	33⅝	-1⅛	4.5	5.6	14.7
—	Emess Lighting	308	●-4	8.9b	2.9	17.9
—	Eurotherm	280	-10	6.8	2.4	18.1
—	FKI Elect	86	-2	1.1	1.3	18.6
—	Farnell Elect	186	+2	3.5	1.9	18.5
—	Ferranti	97⅝	-4⅛	2.4	2.5	16.2
—	Forward Tech	49	..	1	2.0	20.5
—	GEC	179	-7	6.1	3.4	11.1
—	Grosvenor	133	-1	0	0.0	..
—	Highland Elect	78	-1	3.6	4.6	10.2
—	ISL	88	..	1.7	2.9	8.1
—	Int Signal & Control	244	-9	1	0.4	..
—	Jones Stroud	343	+3	12.1	5.0	9.1
—	Kode	265	-10	17.1b	6.5	55.3
—	Lec Refrigeration	263	-3	17.6	6.8	10.9
—	Logica	238	●-4	1.4	0.7	23.0
—	MK Elect	378	-17	15.9	4.2	13.7
—	Macro 4	195	●-1	1.4	0.7	24.3
—	Memec	234	●+19	4.3	1.8	18.1
—	Micro BS	73	..	0.7e	1.0	11.5
—	Micro Focus	98	-2	0	0.0	..
—	Microgen	363	-5	7.1	1.9	24.2
—	Miles 33	209	..	2.1	1.1	14.4
—	Mitel	230⅝	..	..	..	..
—	Mollitons Elect	38	+100	0.1	0.3	28.6
—	Murray Elect	50	●	0.3	0.6	78.1
—	Newmark (Louis)	288	+10	20	7.6	10.1
—	NEI	77	●-2	7.5b	9.7	11.0
—	Oceonics	13	-3	0	0.0	2.6
—	Oxford Instruments	424	-19	2.9	0.7	18.3
—	P-E International	152	-2	4	2.6	..
—	Philcom	21⅝	● ..	0.7b	3.3	10.6
—	Philips Fin 5⅛%	198⅝	..	575	8.0	..
—	Philips Lamps N/V	1142⅝	+112	0	..	..
—	Pifco	252	-5	8.2	3.3	12.9
—	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	168	..	8.2	4.9	8.5
—	Plessey	168	-8	7.2	4.3	12.4
—	Do ADR 25	..	..	0	..	..
—	Pressac	148	●-2	3.6	2.4	19.7
—	Quest Automation	80	..	0	0.0	38.3
—	Racal Elect	167	-7	4.3	2.6	17.7
—	Scantronic	123	..	2.5	2.0	21.4
—	Scholes (GH)	645	●+5	32.9	5.1	12.9
—	Sound Diffusion	41	+3	0.7	1.7	10.3
—	STC	157	-3	2.1	1.3	14.8
—	Stone Intl	108	-29	6.9	6.4	20.2
—	System Designers	57	-2	0.7	1.2	14.1
—	TDK	1172⅝	+20	0	..	..
—	Telephone Rentals	174	●-2	10.4	6.0	13.7
—	Telemetrix	40	+1	2.5	6.3	2.3
—	Thorn EMI	467	-17	25	5.4	34.2
—	Tunstall	278	-2	2.5	0.9	19.2
—	UEI	309	●-5	8	2.6	21.3
—	Unitech	201	+11	9.3	4.6	14.8
—	Utd Leasing	168	+16	5.7	3.4	5.5
—	Utd Scientific	154	-4	8.1	5.3	12.7
—	VG Instruments	423	..	4.3	1.0	25.8
—	Volex	236	-14	13.3	5.6	7.8
—	Western Selection	75	-2	4.5b	5.7	18.9
—	Whitworth Elect	86	+6	0	0.0	13.5
—	Wholesale Fitting	265	+2	12	4.5	11.5
—	Wigfall (Henry)	171	-2	3.6	2.1	..

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FINANCE AND LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
46.4m	Abingworth	224	●+2	1.6	0.8	..
63.0m	Aitken Hume	188	-1	..	..	3.5
38.9m	Antofagasta	130	..	8.9	9.3	..
34.5m	Berkley Tech	230	●+2	..	..	..
48.1m	Camellia	278	..	18.6	1.0	78.2
18.0m	Candover	225	-6	5.7	2.5	36.5
1,294,000	Centreway	34	..	1.3	4.3	28.8
7,110,000	Equity & Gen	30½	●-2	1.3	4.3	28.8
37.0m	Ivory & Sime	151	-14	7.1	4.7	20.7
83.5m	Majedie	204	-1	8.8	4.2	29.1
65.3m	Nat Home Loans	98	● ..	2.6	2.7	28.2
53.0m	Do 8%	£106	..	800	7.5	..
45.5m	Newmarket	129	..	..	..	..
——	Templeton Gbrth	211	-5	..	..	..

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FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,730.0m	ASDA-MFI	182	-6	4.5	3.0	19.6
2,777,000	Alpine Drinks	27	-2	2.5	8.6	54.0
907.8m	Argyll	303	-2	11.1	3.7	14.3
1,267.8m	AB Food	318	+4	8.9	2.8	12.4
18.8m	Assoc Fisheries	107	-1	5.0	4.7	31.8
168.5m	Avana	474	-33	17.5	3.7	15.2
11.0m	Banks (Sidney C)	339	-5	16.4	5.0	7.5
122.0m	Barker & Dobson	14⅛	-⅛	..	..	22.0
19.2m	Barr (AG)	305	..	13.1	4.3	8.7
23.7m	Bassett Foods	198	..	9.7	6.2	16.3
11.6m	Batleys	81	..	3.1	3.6	16.2
212.2m	Bejam	170	●+6	6.1	3.6	17.5
348.7m	Barisford (S & W)	284	+12	..	..	..
3,927,000	Bluebird Conf	108	..	7.4	6.9	30.7
480.4m	Booker	348	●-5	17.9	5.1	15.1
34.3m	Borthwick	68	-1	0.7	1.1	18.4
1,010.7m	Cadbury-Schweppes	181	-1	8.6	4.8	21.1
11.2m	Carrs Milling	180	..	6.5	3.6	9.9
9,701,000	Cliffords Dairies	285	+10	11.0	3.9	16.4
28.0m	Do 'A'	215	+12	11.0	5.0	12.5
14.5m	Cullens	110	-10	..	..	..
1,827.9m	Dee	209	-5	10.3	5.0	16.8
6,720,000	England (Js)	112	-10	..	..	..
130.0m	Fisher (Albert)	173½	●-2½	3.2	1.8	20.3
186.5m	Fitch Lovell	249	-1	15.0	6.0	15.3
49.0m	Garfunkels	145	+8	1.9	1.3	18.9
29.9m	Glass Glover	229	-12	5.6	2.6	17.0
185.5m	Hazlewood Foods	149	-7	2.7	1.8	21.4
85.8m	Hillards	173	-8	4.7	2.7	15.3
626.7m	Hillsdown Hldgs	203	●-2	4.7	2.3	21.3
2,874,000	Home Farm	83	●-5	4.6	5.5	6.8
28.8m	Hunter Saphir	155	+18	3.6	1.9	24.1
78.9m	Iceland Frozen	239	●-8	4.3	1.8	24.5
385.8m	Kwik Save	295	-3	7.4	2.5	19.5
2,800,000	Lees (John J)	140	●-1	3.6	2.6	17.2
889,000	Lovell (GF)	100	..	5.0	5.1	9.6
75.3m	Low (Wm)	377	●+2	13.3	3.5	14.5
170.0m	Matthews (Bernard)	357	●-5	4.4	1.2	24.0
4,197,000	Meat Trade Supp	160	●+10	7.5	4.6	32.6
186.3m	Morrison (W)	200½	-3½	2.0	1.0	30.5
38.9m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	215	-5	8.8	4.1	14.2
21.5m	Normans	57⅛	-⅛	2.8	4.9	23.8
594.2m	Nbn Foods	270	-2	11.4	4.2	13.9
136.7m	Nurdin & Peacock	183	●+8	6.2	3.4	15.9
16.5m	Park Foods	161	-2	6.0	3.7	14.9
785.5m	RHM	271	+8	8.4	3.5	13.1
882.2m	Rowntree Mac	405	●-6	18.0	4.4	11.3
2,834.7m	Sainsbury (J)	413	+1	8.4	2.0	24.0
395.2m	Salvesen (Chris)	143	-2	4.8	3.2	19.1
6,104,000	Somportex	218	-2	..	..	..
388.1m	Tate & Lyle	572	-11	32.1	5.6	11.8
1,447,000	Tavener Rutledge	30	-4	..	..	7.1
1,627.7m	Tesco	384	-7	8.9	2.3	21.9
721.8m	Unigate	314	+4	13.9	4.4	15.0
953.7m	Utd Biscuits	224½	-4½	13.8b	5.8	12.7
18.1m	Watson & Philip	143	●-6	9.7b	6.8	17.9

HOTELS AND CATERERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,698,000	Friendly Hotels	141	-1	1.0	0.7	86.6
3,839.8m	Grand Met	460	-5	13.5	3.0	15.1
31.1m	Kennedy Brookes	288	●-15	2.4	0.8	14.9
971.5m	Ladbroke	380	-13	18.8	4.7	17.2
23.4m	Lon Park Hotels	465	●-2	14.3	3.1	14.2
199.8m	Mount Charlotte	91½	-1	2.1	2.3	15.1
13.0m	Prince Of W Hotels	105	+7	2.1	2.0	18.9
138.3m	Queens Moat	60¼	-1⅛	2.3b	3.8	15.9
100.7m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	364	+1	5.0	1.4	14.3
157.1m	Stakis	68½	-2½	1.8	2.7	18.4
1,327.1m	Trusthouse Forte	178	+4	7.9	4.6	16.5

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
115.3m	AAH	234	-5	11.1	4.7	13.2
78.7m	AGB Research	179	+2	9.6	5.4	28.8
13.1m	AIM	128	-2	8.2	6.6	12.7
187.3m	APV	585	+5	25.7b	4.4	10.6
22.7m	Aeronson	82	-1	6.0	7.3	8.1
68.1m	Adwest	222	●-2	12.2	5.5	11.3
40.9m	Alexandra W'wear	370	●-5	9.3	2.5	22.5
23.8m	Alumasc	193	+10	..	..	12.3
7,775,000	Amber Ind	298	●-5	12.4	4.2	13.8
7,270,000	Appledore	205	+1	8.6	4.2	11.4
5,631,000	Arenson	46	●-4	1.6	3.5	7.8
5,980,000	Armour	28	-2½	0.6	2.1	10.8
16.4m	Ash & Lacey	390	+3	30.4	7.8	11.4
3,018,000	Ashley	41	-1	..	..	36.0
3,348,000	Ass Br Eng 8%	218	+35	11.4	5.2	..
68.2m	Aurora	73½	●-3	1.4	1.9	11.4
30.5m	Avon Rubber	380	-8	8.8	2.3	13.7
2,500,000	Ayrshire Metal	56	..	1.4	2.6	8.2
225.8m	BBA	121	-3	3.4	2.8	18.7
1,282.0m	BET Ord	426	-7	24.3	5.7	15.5
8,912,000	BETEC	78	●+1	2.8	3.6	10.6
1,497.7m	BOC	333	-1	14.1	4.2	12.7
4,781.0m	BTR	288	●-7	9.8	3.4	29.1
218.3m	Babcock	183	-6	11.4	7.0	11.9
9,481,000	Bailey (CH)	17⅛	..	..	..	57.5
109.5m	Baird (Wm)	366	-7	19.3	5.0	12.6
96.7m	Baker Perkins	242	+6	10.7	4.4	8.8
15.4m	Banro Ind	154	+3	9.3b	6.0	12.3
41.4m	Barham	149	●-5	3.6	2.4	17.5
51.7m	Barlow Rand	310	-38	..	..	..
13.4m	Barrow Hepburn	40	-2	3.6	9.0	8.6
1,875,000	Barton Transport	375	+37	31.41	8.4	8.6
5,037,000	Baynes (Charles)	25	+1	1.9b	7.5	..
11.4m	Beatson Clarke	189	●-3	10.7	5.9	12.3
3,575,000	Beauford	55	● ..	3.9	7.1	7.6
495.2m	Beazer (CH)	185	●+5	6.7	3.6	11.1
3,204.8m	Beecham	425	-4	17.1	4.0	17.7
——	Bellair Cosmetics	..	..	.. f	..	..
8,368,000	Benlox	45	-1	1.6	3.6	36.6
543.7m	Berisford (S&W)	284	+12	..	..	..
6,061,000	Berisfords	111	..	9.3b	8.4	9.1
14.1m	Bespak	108	+2	6.1	5.6	27.2
61.4m	Bestobell	485	..	8.5	1.8	12.9
42.5m	Bestwood	175	-5	2.9	1.7	..
288.5m	Bibby (J)	355	-5	11.9	4.5	12.1
7,800,000	Biddle	150	..	3.4	1.8	33.6
1,380,000	Billam (J)	92	●+4	1.4	1.8	9.1
83.7m	Birmid Qualcast	127	..	6.1	4.8	12.1
10.8m	Birmingham Mint	173	-10	8.9	5.1	19.2
11.4m	Black Arrow	173	-2	7.5	4.3	11.6
75.2m	Black (Peter)	188	-2	2.1	1.1	19.3
50.5m	Blackwood Hodge	42½	●-2	1.4	3.3	6.6
129.9m	Blue Arrow	382	-3	2.9	0.8	21.6
37.1m	Bodycote	365	..	8.5	2.6	14.7
2,094.3m	Boots	227	-4	10.6	4.7	14.8
6,089,000	Boulton (Wm)	14⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
314.9m	Bowater	328	-7	13.8	4.2	18.8
618.0m	Bowater Inc	121⅛	..	..	..	..
4,583,000	Braithwaite Gp	182	+1	..	..	..
116.7m	Brammer	276	..	17.9	6.5	12.2
8,165,000	Brasway	44	-½	1.8	3.8	9.3
56.5m	Brent Walker	211	●-5	7.9	3.7	16.3
8,134,000	Bridgend Gp	40	-1	0.5	1.3	28.7
60.2m	Bridon	146	-4	7.1	4.9	9.0
21.8m	Bridport-Gundry	218	-2	8.9	4.1	11.4
2,461,000	Br Bldg & Eng App	223	..	1.4	0.7	..
38.3m	BBS Group	346	●-1	11.1	4.5	16.5
27.8m	Br Syphon	66	+2	5.7b	8.5	8.4
120.5m	Br Vita	283	..	7.3	2.8	16.9
3,394.8m	Broken Hill	373	●-3	..	..	..
6,140,000	Bromsgrove Inds	70	..	1.9	2.7	11.3
3,625,000	Bronx Eng	29	..	0.7e	2.4	30.2
7,995,000	Brooke Tool	34	-1	2.0	5.9	8.9
40.9m	Brown & Tawse	143	-1	10.3	7.2	8.7
5,840,000	Bruntons (Musl)	73	-1	4.3	5.9	14.4
108.5m	Bullough	304	-8	12.4	4.1	14.8
30.2m	Burgess	221	●-2	3.6	1.6	15.8
22.7m	Burns-Anderson	110	r+1	4.3	3.8	18.1
18.4m	Camford Eng	97	-1	2.5e	2.6	16.5
14.8m	Caparo Ind	38	..	2.4	6.3	31.4
21.9m	Capa Ind	73	..	2.9e	4.0	11.2
25.2m	Carclo Eng	438	-6	22.0	5.0	10.8
9,367,000	Castings	81	+6	4.3	4.7	8.6
7,190,000	Celestion	30½	..	1.4	4.6	14.3
3,521,000	Central & Sheer	8½	+½	.. ●	..	11.0
2,257,000	Centreway Ind	21	-1	.. ●	..	10.3
25.1m	CH Ind	95	..	3.4	3.6	11.6
28.8m	Chamberlain Ph	82½	-½	5.8	7.0	12.0
3,824,000	Chamberlin & Hill	108	+10	5.0	4.6	11.9
298.8m	Charter Cons	285	-5	10.4	3.6	15.7
12.0m	Chemring	575	-40	20.7	3.6	12.5
84.9m	Christies Int	301	●-2	7.9	2.6	20.3
2,149,000	Christy Hunt	34	-4	..	..	48.3
19.1m	Clarke (Clement)	239	..	8.6	3.7	35.8
3,625,000	Clayton Son	145	+3	10.7	7.4	9.7
5,220,000	Cohen (A)	580	-15	16.0	2.8	..
101.3m	Coloroll Gp	221	..	7.6	3.4	17.2
15.0m	Combined Tech	12	..	0.3	2.5	..
21.6m	Concentric	132	+8	6.4	4.7	10.9
8,519,000	Cont Stationery	84	-3	1.3	1.5	21.3
30.9m	Cook (Wm)	199	●-30	7.1	3.7	16.3
668.1m	Cookson	485	-1	11.4	2.5	12.4
3,456,000	Copson (F)	96	-6	2.5	2.6	42.7
9,279,000	Cosalt	90	-10	5.0	5.6	11.0
——	Courtney Pope	188	..	..	..	..
13.3m	Cowan De Groot	62	-1	3.8	6.3	15.5
116.4m	Crest Nicholson	147	-3	6.6	4.5	12.6
48.5m	Crown House	183	-3	11.3	6.2	10.4
916,000	Cumsins 3⅛%	£132½	-3	375	2.8	..
2,135,000	DSC	68	● ..	0.7	1.0	..
63.3m	DPCE	230	-10	2.6	1.1	25.6
564.2m	Dalgety	281	-5	18.6	6.6	12.4
1,436.4m	Dana	£24⅝	●+⅛	..	..	..
1,030,000	Davies & Met 'A'	61	..	3.2	5.2	..
19.7m	Davies & Newman	295	-2	14.3	4.8	6.6
139.9m	Davy	148	+2	8.8	4.7	8.8
464.8m	De La Rue	530	+6	15.7	4.8	12.2
265.8m	Delta	185	●-8	9.6	5.2	9.1
13.9m	Deritend Stamping	265	-5	11.4	4.3	13.3
27.4m	Descutter	225	..	10.4	4.6	9.4
1,645,000	Dinkie Heel	17½	+½	0.6	3.4	16.7
108.4m	Diploma	185	+10	7.5	4.0	14.4
70.2m	Dobson Park	95	-1	7.4	7.8	10.6
8,376,000	Dom	95	●-1	7.1	7.4	10.7
63.4m	Dominion Int	108	..	7.9	7.5	11.8
8,930,000	Dwek	118	-3	2.1	1.8	66.6
1,207,000	Dyson (J&J)	75	-3	6.4	8.2	14.4
6,085,000	Do 'A'	67	-1	6.4	9.6	12.4

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32.3m	Eastern Prod	308	● ..	14.3	4.6	7.8
14.4m	Edbro	171	-4	10.7	6.3	11.2
82.2m	EIS	270	-3	9.9	3.7	14.8
5,123,000	Elbief	40½	..	2.7	6.7	18.3
21.1m	Elco	123	● ..	7.8b	6.4	11.1
2,183.3m	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	£30⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
11.4m	Elliott (B)	66	-13	4.3	6.5	18.1
697.8m	Embart	222½	-5	13.6	6.1	..
830.8m	English China Clay	311	-6	16.1	5.2	12.4
784.8m	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£22⅝	+⅛	9.0	0.4	..
40.1m	Erskine House	146	-8	4.6b	3.2	14.2
287.0m	European Ferries	115	●-7½	6.8	5.9	8.5
91.9m	Do 5% Prf	138	..	7.1	5.1	..
60.8m	Everod	192	●-8	5.7	3.0	10.4
49.1m	Expamet	160	●+4	8.9	5.6	13.6
204.6m	Extel	403	+32	15.7	3.9	18.3
11.1m	Falcon	37	-1½	..	..	62.2
6,460,000	Feedex Agric Ind	35	● ..	2.1	6.0	9.1
44.1m	Fenner (JH)	148	+1	7.1	5.0	22.6
3,294,000	Fife Indmar	56	+8	5.0	8.9	16.2
1,349.8m	Fisons	556	●+3	8.4	1.5	24.7
16.5m	Fitzwilton	79	-5	1.0	1.3	..
3,176,000	Flexello C&W	68	+8	3.5	5.6	7.2
9,752,000	Fobel	68	-1	0.3	0.5	..
16.3m	Fogarty	95	●-1	8.1	8.9	11.5
9,994,000	Folkes Group N/V	32½	●-½	2.0	6.2	7.5
30.2m	Fothergill & Harvey	241	+85	12.5	5.2	15.6
6,743,000	French (Thomas)	58	+3	4.1	7.1	..
32.1m	GEI Int	89½	+1½	3.4	3.4	11.4
625.3m	GKN	258½	●+8½	17.9	6.9	8.7
9,549,000	GR	300	●-5	10.9	3.3	19.5
3,908,000	Garton Eng	105	●-1	5.0	4.7	8.0
69.7m	Gestetner	181	+41	2.1	1.2	18.3
12.6m	Glaves	129	●-1	5.0	3.9	14.7
6,720.7m	Glaxo	958	-2	20.0	2.2	18.0
273.5m	Glynwed	301	●-1	12.9	4.3	15.1
15.0m	Goring Kerr	230	-3	12.9	5.6	12.8
28.5m	Grampian Hldgs	139	-5	5.6	4.3	14.0
742.5m	Granada	294	-3	10.9	3.6	12.9
139.9m	Guthrie	187	-4	..	..	..
8,818,000	Habit Precision	66	..	2.6	3.9	10.5
31.2m	Hall Eng	220	+18	12.5	5.7	10.4
108.8m	Hall (M)	140	..	6.4	4.6	10.5
5,064,000	Hallite	184	..	14.3	7.8	11.5
102.7m	Halma	298	-13	2.4	0.8	28.7
18.7m	Hampson Ind	54	-1½	1.6	3.0	14.9
13.0m	Hanimex	58	+1	..	..	..
5,349.0m	Hanson	195	-10	6.7	2.9	17.4
345.7m	Do 8% Cnv	£213⅝	-11	800	4.1	..
173.2m	Do 5¾% Pf	118½	-5	8.2	7.0	..
1,480.8m	Do 10%	£129⅝	-6⅛	1000	7.9	..
87.8m	Hargreaves	288	-1	7.9	2.9	18.7
7,904,000	Harris (Philip)	247	-3	13.2	5.3	12.4
819.7m	Hawker Siddeley	416	●-1	21.4	5.1	9.2
204.0m	Hawley	105	●-5	2.7	2.6	8.4
6,400,000	Hay (Norman)	160	●+5	5.4	3.4	28.9
291.1m	Hepworth Ceramic	195	-7	10.6	5.7	15.5
60.5m	Hestair	183	-8	6.1	4.0	17.9
8,750,000	Hewitt (J)	200	+16	4.7	2.4	17.6
2,035,000	Highgate & Job	210	-6	..	..	80.0
84.3m	Holis Bros	77	-3	4.3n	5.6	25.7
66.5m	Hopkinsons	325	● ..	11.6	3.6	12.9
50.5m	Howden	82½	+½	5.5	6.7	8.7
53.0m	Hunting Assoc	322	●-1	12.1	3.8	9.9
53.3m	Hunting Group	107	●-5	6.5	6.0	8.1
1,907.3m	Hutchsn Whampoa	367	-1	..	..	..
514.1m	IMI	161	-3	7.9	4.9	12.8
27.9m	Isotron	170	-1	2.1	1.2	18.9
5,213,000	Jacksons Bourne	286	+5	9.6	3.4	18.6
618.5m	Jardine Math	199	+9	..	..	..
54.1m	Johnson Cleaners	300	-10	39.4	6.1	13.6
282.9m	Johnson Matthey	210	-5	3.6	1.7	14.2
38.2m	Johnson & FB	34⅛	-1⅛	..	..	17.1
33.0m	Johnston	330	●-5	11.9	3.6	12.8
12.8m	Jones & Shipman	105	-6	5.5	5.2	7.0
13.1m	Jourdan (Thomas)	108	..	5.5	5.1	14.4
4,807,000	Kalamazoo	28	-1	1.4	5.0	20.2
36.8m	Kalon	31½	●-1½	1.8	5.7	21.7
7,987,000	Kelsey Ind	280	-10	11.4	4.4	12.8
6,094,000	Kennedy Smale	133	..	5.7	4.3	14.2
86.8m	Kershaw (A)	255	-8	21.4	8.4	21.3
7,823,000	Kleen-E-Ze	258	-5	8.6b	3.3	22.8

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,814,000	LDH	38	+1	0.8	2.2	10.8
111.3m	Lep	194	-1	3.9	3.1	24.4
168.0m	Laird	210	●-7	9.3	4.4	8.2
1,880,000	Lawtex	48	-2	2.9	6.0	7.1
19.8m	Lee (Arthur)	63½	-2	3.3	5.2	9.0
3,827,000	Lilleshall	165	● ..	3.2	1.9	31.3
3,648,000	Linread	68	..	3.6	5.3	6.4
15.4m	Lloyd (FH)	64	-3½	5.4	8.4	7.0
8,250,000	Locker (T)	27½	-3	1.9	6.9	10.9
47.3m	Lon Midland	183	-15	14.2	7.8	10.2
3,513,000	Do Dfd	103	-7	..	..	..
73.4m	Lon & Nthn	66	●-5	7.4	11.2	11.5
297.0m	Lon Intl	222½	-21½	6.6	3.0	19.5
140.4m	Low & Bonar	240	●-11	7.5	3.1	15.6
27.9m	ML Hdgs	445	..	11.4b	2.6	16.8
20.3m	MS Int	65	-2	2.9	3.4	13.2
13.9m	MY Holdings	40½	●-½	1.8b	4.4	13.0
49.8m	Macarthy	331	..	..	..	..
42.9m	Macfarlane	138	+5	3.7	2.7	19.3
4,057,000	Macellan (P&W)	44	●-3	2.7	6.1	9.2
150.7m	McKechnie	227	●-9	14.3	6.3	10.7
5,719,000	Magnolia	100	-5	5.5	5.5	9.3
27.5m	Manchester Ship	698	..	8.6	1.3	22.3
19.3m	Mangnanese Bronze	65	●-1	4.6	7.1	6.7
12.7m	Marling	84	-2	2.5	3.0	10.1
8,117,000	Marshall (Loxley)	108	-6	5.7	5.3	8.3
594.0m	Metal Box	176	+6	7.6	4.0	..
35.9m	Metal Closures	170	●+17	9.6	5.6	25.4
28.3m	Metalrax	79½	●-1½	3.3	4.2	13.5
58.7m	Mitchell Cotts	57⅛	-1⅛	6.1	10.6	18.7
19.8m	Mitchell Somers	122	+1	5.6	4.5	14.0
58.9m	Molins	194	●+1	11.3	5.8	10.1
279.7m	Morgan Crucible	312	●-8	12.6	4.0	17.5
49.8m	NMC Inv	198	+6	1.4	0.7	..
5,098,000	Neepsend	37½	-½	0.1	0.3	19.4
40.9m	Neill (J)	150	+2	10.0	6.7	5.4
44.8m	Newman Inds	38½	-1½	1.4	3.9	53.8
67.3m	Newman Tonks	151½	+½	10.2	6.6	12.5
6,402,000	Noble & Lund	92	-6	1.0	1.1	29.7
10.7m	Nolton	48½	-2½	1.7	3.4	13.5
310.1m	Norcros	249	-1	13.3	5.4	11.9
84.8m	Nu-Swift Inds	193	+2	5.7	3.0	23.9
10.9m	Office Elect Mach	178	●-5	12.1	6.8	7.3
29.1m	Parker Knoll 'A'	417	●-10	17.1	4.1	10.9
14.9m	Parrish JT	278	+10	..	..	..
1,126.2m	Pearson	575	-18	16.4	2.7	19.2
13.9m	Peek	40½	-4½	..	..	98.4
18.6m	Peerless	143	-2	9.0	6.3	19.6
185.8m	Pegler-Hattersley	609	..	28.6	4.7	13.8
389.8m	Pentland Ind	450	-30	2.0	2.5	24.4
80.8m	Photo-Me	£13⅛	●+1⅛	8.6	0.6	25.4
1,324.4m	Pilkington	621	+66	19.3	3.1	15.4
4,501,000	Plastic Constr	80	-1	4.1	5.1	14.0
142.3m	Portals	243	●-5	10.8	4.5	10.4
15.8m	Porter Chadburn	330	-33	2.9	0.9	40.3
177.8m	Powell Duffryn	280	●-6	21.7	7.8	20.3
33.4m	Prestwich Hldgs	108	●+1	1.2	1.1	17.3
121.6m	RHP	158½	+7½	6.4	4.0	17.8
1,809,000	Radiant Metal	133	-1	3.6	2.7	20.7
1,047.3m	Rank Org	496	-5	22.5	4.5	17.2
48.7m	Ransome Sims	175	..	7.4	4.2	14.3
4,493,000	Ratcliffe (Gt Bridge)	46	●+1	1.7	1.8	3.5
7,184.7m	Reckitt & Colman	789	●-5	23.9	3.0	17.2
18.3m	Redfearn Glass	269	+11	8.6	3.2	7.8
48.0m	Reed Executive	410	+4	6.4	1.6	18.5
1,377.1m	Reed Int	587	●+2	8.8	5.1	..
21.7m	Relyon	184	-1	6.9	3.8	14.8
41.5m	Renold	64	-3	.. ●	..	9.0
11.9m	Restmor	116	..	8.4	5.5	12.4
1,571.1m	Reuters	584	+1	5.4	1.0	40.4
3,873,000	Rexmore	37½	+1	1.4	3.7	12.1
18.9m	Ricardo Eng	132	●-3	4.6	3.5	10.7
1,500,000	Richard (Leics)	75	..	5.0	6.7	8.3
5,676,000	Richardsn West	44½	-½	..	..	22.6
24.4m	Robertson Res	98	..	3.8	3.9	10.8
43.4m	Robinson (Thomas)	206	●-5	3.6b	1.2	40.2
12.5m	Rockware	48	-2	..	..	11.4
6,865,000	Ropner	105	● ..	9.3	8.9	7.2
18.4m	Do 'A'	99	●-3	9.3	9.4	6.8
9,976,000	Rotaprint	2⅛	..	..	..	1.1
34.9m	Rotork	129	-1	8.1	6.3	8.7
18.2m	Russell (A)	81	-1	2.3	2.8	28.4

S-Z

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,365,000	SI	24	-2½	0.4	1.7	5.1
42.8m	Sale Tilney	281	●-7	10.0	5.0	11.7
20.7m	Sandhurst	100	-1	1.6	1.6	28.4
19.6m	Seville Gordon (J)	40½	s-1½	1.8	4.4	14.2
159.7m	Scapa	245	+3	8.6	3.5	11.6
44.3m	Scott Greenham	183	+9	6.0	3.3	15.3
41.4m	Scot Heritable	144	-1	4.8	3.3	12.6
10.2m	Scott & Robertson	142	●-1	4.0	2.8	14.3
5,690,000	Securicor	158	..	1.4	0.9	41.3
108.0m	Do 'A'	155	-2	1.4	0.9	39.9
147.0m	Security Serv	150	..	2.8	1.9	19.6
44.8m	Senior Eng	45	●+1	2.5	5.6	13.8
5,964,000	Shiloh	218	●+20	4.6	2.2	11.0
20.4m	Sidlaw	86	-2	12.9	13.2	8.0
503.4m	Siebe	738	-23	20.1	2.7	13.0
27.0m	Silentnight	130	-2	3.9	3.0	..
201.9m	Simon Eng	336	●+15	12.4	3.6	11.2
50.4m	Six Hundred	112	+7	8.3	7.4	10.2
102.2m	Sketchley	420	+2	26.9	6.4	10.2
370.8m	SKF 'B'	£23⅛	..	..	..	..
1,090.9m	Smith & Nephew	118	● ..	3.6	3.0	19.8
1,490,000	Smith Whitworth	37	● ..	0.4	1.1	26.0
570.1m	Smiths Ind	285	+2	7.9	3.0	18.2
7,763,000	Spear (JW)	193	-1	8.6	4.5	14.7
112.4m	Spirax-Sarco	188	●+1	7.6	4.0	11.8
7,179,000	Stag Furniture	93	●+3	7.9	8.5	9.2
5,921,000	Star Comp	68	-6	1.4	1.6	10.8
83.5m	Staveley	561	-19	26.7	4.6	12.7
283.3m	Steetley	460	-10	19.3	4.2	14.0
34.0m	Sterling Ind	170	-10	3.8	2.3	40.2
10.4m	Stocklake	248	●+3	17.1	6.9	5.1
3,976,000	Stonehill	71	+2	8.6	12.1	7.4
2,185,000	Stothert & Pitt	85	-10	..	..	2.5
45.7m	Sunlight Serv	213	..	14.3	6.7	22.7
126.6m	Suter	187	●-12	6.0	3.0	20.8
1,232.4m	Swire Pacific 'A'	158	s+9	..	..	..
2,224,000	Sycamore	27	-3	..	..	..
8,391,000	Syltone	180	+2	14.3	7.9	18.4
284.4m	TI	443	-8	20.0	4.6	14.0
418.6m	TNT	180	+13	..	..	..
7,742,000	TSL Thermal	82	-2	4.3	5.2	4.9
22.8m	Tace	340	-10	10.6	3.1	15.9
12.7m	Taleda Chem	2100⅝	+6⅛	..	..	..
2,888,000	Talex	6⅝	-⅛	..	..	8.3
10.9m	Telfos	60	-1	4.4	8.3	9.6
3,900,000	Tex Hldgs	106	..	6.4	5.1	11.1
2,928,000	Third Mile	132	● ..	2.6	2.8	18.6
40.0m	Thomson T-Line	578	+15	..	..	..
268.1m	Tomkins (FH)	361	-12	5.2	2.9	21.5
1,068.0m	Trafalgar House	330	+6	18.6	6.5	7.9
54.2m	Transcontinental	210	-16	13.7	6.5	10.0
285.7m	Transport Dev	199½	-1½	9.3	4.7	17.2
7,785,000	Tranwood	19	-½	..	..	33.3
5,812,000	Triefus	81	..	8.1e	0.2	60.4
18.5m	Triplex	136	-8	3.9	2.2	14.5
282.5m	Turner & Newall	177	-4	10.7	6.3	6.6
10.4m	Unigroup	102	-4	1.6	1.6	18.8
3,213.3m	Unilever	£22⅛	+⅛	60.1	3.0	18.6
4,970.8m	Unilever (NV)	258	-1½	..	..	..
60.7m	Valor	387	-3	7.8	2.8	18.6
382.4m	Vickers	375	-8	20.0	5.3	10.8
7,340,000	Victor Products	99	-3	7.1	7.4	7.7
29.5m	Vinten	141	-2	2.3	1.6	24.5
3,886.0m	Volkswagen	£181½	+1	..	..	..
55.3m	VSEL	148	..	8.1	5.5	7.1
27.5m	WSL	145½	-14½	1.0	0.7	31.8
15.1m	Wade Potteries	148	+2	3.6	3.4	14.3
48.0m	Wagon Ind	240	-4	12.1	5.0	12.4
33.8m	Walker, Greenbank	62½	-1½	..	..	..
202.9m	Waterford Glass	100½	-4	1.9n	1.7	18.2
44.8m	Watshams	183	..	8.1	3.1	20.7
230.1m	Wedgwood	506	-32	14.3	2.8	16.6
48.5m	Weir	97	+5	4.5	4.6	7.6
1,713.3m	Wellcome	204	+2	3.0	1.5	28.2
5,908,000	Wellman	35	-1	..	..	18.4
60.5m	Westland	79	-7	4.3	5.4	27.4
6,380,000	Weeks	107	..	7.9	7.4	14.5
3,834,000	Westwood Dawes	55	-3	..	..	21.8
60.2m	Whatman Reeve	275	-5	3.6	1.4	19.5
16.8m	Whessoe	92	-4	7.9	8.6	8.1
69.8m	Whitecroft	230	+4	14.3b	6.7	19.1
5,405,000	Wilkes (James)	138	..	9.6	7.2	8.6
374.3m	Williams Hldgs	532	-38	20.5	3.8	22.4
11.2m	Wills Gp	155	+19	8.6	5.5	..
537.9m	Wolseley	589	-1	16.4	2.8	13.5
1,580,000	Wood (Arthur)	78	-1	3.6	4.6	19.7
2,701,000	Wood (SW)	48	-4	..	..	17.0
6,305,000	Woodhouse & Rix	61	-4	4.3b	7.0	9.8
2,629,000	Wyndham Eng	120	-2	2.6	2.2	15.5
6,616,000	Young (H)	102	●-6	5.1	6.0	10.2

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
554.4m	Abbey Life	199	●-5	10.3	5.2	..
509.8m	Alex & Alex	£19½	-⅛	100	5.1	..
9,943.2m	Allianz Vers	£275	..	..	..	..
3,070.7m	Am Gen	£28⅛	+⅛	60.0	3.3	..
45.4m	Bradstock	387	-13	8.5	2.2	27.2
175.8m	Britannic	802	-2	44.7	5.2	..
1,077.3m	Com Union	281	-8	17.4	6.7	..
299.4m	Equity & Law	298	+5	9.6	3.2	..
——	FAI	380	s-55	..	..	..
1,457.9m	Gen Accident	807	-22	34.3	4.3	20.3
1,220.3m	GRE	764	●-5	42.5	5.6	22.1
151.7m	Heath C E	471	-16	35.0b	7.4	7.0
154.7m	Hogg Robinson	337	-5	13.7	4.1	13.8
1,086.7m	Legal & Gen	286	●-5	12.3	5.2	20.9
220.1m	London & Man	204	-1	9.0	4.4	28.0
88.3m	Lon Utd Inv	445	-4	28.5	5.5	13.0
1,805.3m	Marsh & McLen	£43⅝	●+1⅛	220	5.1	..
186.1m	Minet	240	-5	11.4	4.8	11.5
81.4m	PWS	305	+16	13.2	4.3	14.7
532.6m	Pearl	£14⅝	-⅛	68.1	4.5	..
2,857.1m	Prudential	790	-17	38.6	4.3	62.1
294.1m	Refuge	424	-5	20.4	4.8	..
1,920.1m	Royal	813	●-34	38.6	4.7	68.5
1,842.0m	Sedgwick Gp	387	●-2	17.7	4.7	17.2
205.4m	Stewart Wr'son	464	●-6	15.7	3.4	18.8
111.0m	Sturge Hldgs	413	-1	10.0n	2.4	21.3
1,205.0m	Sun Alliance	823	-34	27.5	4.4	58.1
522.9m	Sun Life	880	●-4	35.4	4.0	..
49.9m	Trade Indemnity	230	-5	5.3	2.3	8.4
775.8m	Willis Faber	463	-1	12.5	2.7	21.5

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LEISURE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,617,000	Barr & WA 'A'	133	+3	10.0	7.5	10.4
7,486,000	Boosey & Hawkes	190	+15	..	..	28.4
58.5m	Brent Walker	211	●-5	7.9	3.7	16.3
8,507,000	Campari	99	+3	1.4	1.4	28.5
51.0m	Chrysalis	192	-4	8.9	4.2	12.5
118.8m	First Leisure	395	●-4	9.3	2.5	19.6
23.7m	GRA	55	-1	..	..	48.2
1,176,000	Hamburger Brooks	90	..	..	..	11.7
65.8m	Horizon Travel	132	+2	8.3	4.8	8.3
66.6m	Int Leisure	128	-1	7.1	6.5	12.0
8,415,000	Juliana's Hldgs	51	●-1	1.8	3.5	19.9
80.0m	Lee Int	167	●-4	3.9	2.3	15.8
——	Mecminster	150	..	..	..	9.1
222.9m	Pleasurama	308	-6	11.1	3.6	12.7
42.1m	Really Useful	353	●-3	18.1	4.2	15.4
5,873,000	Riley Leisure	37	-2	.. ●	..	20.4
29.4m	Saga Holidays	163½	-3½	6.6	4.0	15.8
32.7m	Samuelson Gp	153	-7	3.4	2.2	9.1
17.0m	Stanley Leisure	158	-4	4.6	2.9	..
6,059,000	Tottenham Hotspur	96	-1	.. ●	..	12.0
11.9m	Zetters	181	-1	7.1	3.9	10.6

MINING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
149.6m	Ang Amer Coal	£9⅝	..	.. b	..	78.6
2,387.8m	Ang Am	£10⅝	-½	54.0	5.2	..
1,127.7m	Am Gold	£51⅝	-1⅛	446	8.7	..
320.0m	AAIT	252	● ..	271	5.2	..
57.0m	Anglovaal	232	+1	142	4.4	..
57.0m	Do 'A'	232	+1	742	4.4	..
9,760,000	Ayer Hitam	180	● ..	47.5	28.7	..
61.6m	Blyvoors	340	-36	79.0	23.2	..
15.8m	Bracken	113	-12	26.0	23.0	..
144.3m	Buffels	£13⅝	-⅛	282	20.0	..
1,522.1m	CRA	305	-8	..	..	..
28.0m	Carr Boyd	58	..	..	..	..
1,298.7m	Cons Goldfields	660	●-25	35.0	5.2	19.1
1,746.4m	De Beers	506	-14	18.0	3.4	..
209.0m	Deelkraal	207	-3	4.0	1.9	..
77.5m	Doornfontein	£7⅝	-⅛	90.0	11.9	..
1,122.0m	Driefontein	£11	-⅛	125	11.5	..
19.1m	Durban	69⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
39.4m	E Daggas	273	-17	..	..	..
497.3m	Elandsrand	515	-33	12.0	2.3	..
9,516,000	El Oro	211	●-2	6.6	3.1	14.7
50.7m	Elsburg	168	-5	14.0	8.3	..
130.2m	E Rand Gold	313	-15	26.0	8.9	..
22.1m	E Rand Prop	£4	-⅛	3.1	..	..
——	FS Cons	£7⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
——	FS Dev	165	-15	..	..	..
617,000	Geevor Tin	27	-2	..	..	1.0
218.2m	Gencor	£9⅝	..	90.0	8.9	..
750.2m	Gen Mining	£3⅝	-⅛	87.0	9.3	..
788.8m	GFSA	£3⅝	..	49.0	4.8	..
70.9m	GM Kalgoorli	583	-20	..	..	..
8,403,000	Gopeng	188	..	20.0	37.7	..
34.4m	Greenwich Res	248	-30	54.0	21.9	..
20.1m	Grootvlei	295	..	8.4	3.7	33.8
39.6m	Hampton Areas	148	..	62.8	8.3	..
181.4m	Harmony	292	-3	17.0	4.8	..
394.2m	Hartebeest	230	-43	..	..	..
541.9m	Johnnies	272½	r ..	346	4.7	..
173.5m	Kinross	£8⅝	..	80.0	9.2	..
152.7m	Kloof	£9⅝	a-½	40.0	7.6	..
15.2m	Leslie	85	-3	29.0	30.5	..
84.2m	Libanon	211½	-⅛	115	9.7	..
——	Lorraine	341	-17	..	..	..
522.5m	MIM	104	..	..	..	..
144.1m	Malaysian Mining	35	● ..	..	..	..
3,600,000	Marievale	80	..	17.0	21.3	..
16.8m	Metals Exp	41	+1	..	..	..
1,400,000	Mhangura	7	+1	..	..	..
87.6m	Middle Wits	210½	..	..	..	..
——	Minorco	581	-82	10.0	1.8	..
48.0m	New Wits	24¼	..	23.0	5.4	..
——	Nth Broken Hill	119	..	..	..	..
85.1m	Nth Kalgurli	42½	-3	..	..	..
——	Orange Free	220⅛	-1⅛	..	..	..
10.8m	Petaling Tin	100	..	.. ●	..	..
218.6m	Peko Wallsend	285	-1	..	..	..
——	Rand Mines Ltd	212½	..	..	..	..
——	Rand Mines prop	285	●+10	12.0	4.2	..
382.1m	Randfontein	232½	-1	381	8.8	..
186.2m	Renison	384	-18	..	..	..
2,084.8m	RTZ	676	●-17	31.4	4.7	8.9
977.2m	Rustenburg	27	-½	28.9	3.7	22.8
84.2m	St Helena	£9⅝	-⅛	135	14.3	..
9,642,000	SA Land	105	..	18.0	17.1	..
786.6m	Southvaal	£20⅛	-⅛	116	3.9	..
68.0m	Stilfontein	422	-4	..	..	..
8,451,000	Sungei Besi	65	..	.. ●	..	..
11.8m	Tronoh	105	..	..	..	..
137.4m	Unisel	491	-9	46.0	9.4	..
1,062.5m	Vaal Reefs	£37⅛	-1	886	9.7	..
27.8m	Venterspost	552	-23	84.0	9.8	..
7,350,000	Waldomain	123	..	15.0	12.2	..
9,197,000	Vogels	50	..	4.3	8.6	8.5
3,547,000	Wankie Colliery	14	+1	..	..	..
139.8m	Welkom	531	-31	67.0	12.6	..
99.1m	Western Areas	248	-24	23.0	9.3	..
715.4m	Western Deep	£26⅛	-⅛	171	6.1	..
648.3m	Western Mining	205	●-1	3.0	1.5	..
9,478,000	West Rand Cons	223	..	12.0	5.4	..
43.7m	Whim Creek	195	-3	..	..	..
158.2m	Winkels	£13	-⅛	175	13.5	..
——	Wit Nigel	33	..	1.1	3.5	..
14.4m	Zambia Copper	11⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
7,291,000	Zandpan	56	-7	3.7	6.6	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,580,000	AC	328	+3	..	..	..
288.8m	AE	287	-4	10.7b	4.0	12.9
5,889,000	Alexanders	15½	..	..	..	38.4
2,593,000	Appleyard	138	-2	8.6b	5.5	7.3
97.8m	Armstrong	130	●-5	3.9	4.0	12.6
88.8m	BSG	59	●-2½	1.7	3.2	18.6
——	Bluemel Bros	..	..	.. f	..	..
15.7m	Bramall (CD)	278	● ..	11.2	4.0	15.3
1,220.0m	Br Aerospace	488	+6	23.4	4.6	10.8
135.2m	Br Car Auctions	173	..	6.4	3.7	18.4
8,350,000	Caffyns	198	-4	7.9	4.0	..
31.2m	Cowie (T)	167	-3	5.7	3.0	8.7
31.8m	Davis (Godfrey)	118	..	6.4	5.4	10.6
451.7m	Dowty	206	+1	7.9	3.8	14.5
5,206,000	ERF	73	-5	..	..	4.6
211.4m	FR Group	266	●-2	4.9	1.7	18.7
173.2m	Ford Motor	208	●+10	7.0	3.4	..
6,568,000	Gates (Frank G)	102	+2	4.3	4.2	12.7
972.8m	General Motor	238	+21	25.9	9.7	..
5,293,000	Glanfield Lawrence	180	-11	.. ●	..	..
46.8m	Hartwells	78	-4	3.8	4.9	9.6
4,773.6m	Honda Motor	532	+30	3.8	0.7	..
315.3m	Jaguar	506	-5	12.7	2.5	10.4
6,848,000	Jessups	115	..	6.4	5.6	8.7
74.6m	Kwik-Fit	66	s-3	2.7	3.1	15.5
282.3m	Lex	308	-19	15.1	4.9	17.5
16.7m	Lookers	208	+2	7.6	3.7	13.0
554.9m	Lucas	458	+10	18.6	4.1	8.3
21.7m	Perry gp	116	●-2	6.4	5.4	10.9
10.8m	Plaxtons (GB)	90	+6	6.4	7.1	12.2
6,002,000	Quick (HJ)	112	+4	4.3	3.9	16.8
1,869.0m	Rover	67	-1	..	..	..
10.8m	Supra	87	..	3.4	5.1	13.8
65.5m	Wayland	73	-2	4.3	5.4	27.4
14.4m	Woodhead (Jonas)	98	+1	1.4e	1.4	18.5

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
10.0m	Accord	158	+1	4.4	2.8	18.7
55.1m	Assoc Book	231	..	8.2	3.5	14.6
475.8m	Assoc Newspaper	517	-20	8.3	2.0	17.0
4,376,000	Black (A&C)	330	+6	14.6	4.4	18.2
27.9m	Bristol	653	+8	38.6	5.7	19.2
46.3m	Collins (Wm)	440	+5	11.4	2.6	18.8
73.8m	Do 'A'	303	+8	11.4	3.8	13.7
135.8m	EMAP 'A'	127	+3	3.1	2.4	22.6
15.2m	Haynes Publishing	305	●-3	20.0	6.6	15.7
5,950,000	Home Counties	236	-8	12.5	5.3	16.1
67.8m	Independent	300	-70	12.0	4.0	..
1,986.0m	Int Thomson	652	●+18	14.0	2.1	17.2
946.0m	News International	221⅛	-⅛	12.0	5.6	..
233.9m	Octopus	529	●-7	10.4	2.0	18.8
19.5m	Portsmouth Sund	183	●-5	0.5	0.3	29.3
51.8m	Trinity Intl	483	●-3	22.8	4.9	18.3
493.9m	Utd Newspapers	348	●-12	22.9	6.6	13.9

OIL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
278.4m	Ampol	122	..	..	..	..
24.1m	Aran Energy	28	+4	..	..	..
——	Atlantic Resources	29	+2	..	..	..
——	Aus Oil & Gas	37	-3	..	..	..
12,891.0m	Br Petroleum	693	-5	48.8	7.0	7.6
5,875,000	Bristol Oil	14⅛	..	..	..	..
18.8m	Br Borneo	416	● ..	30.9	7.2	14.8
5,136,000	Bryson	74	-10	..	..	..
806.9m	Britoil	180	-5	9.3	5.8	4.3
664.7m	Burmah	380	●-1	19.2	5.2	10.8
64.1m	Carless Capel	64	-2	3.9	6.1	11.9
33.9m	Century	135	-1	7.1	5.3	9.6
39.1m	Charterhall	32	-1½	..	..	72.7
63.3m	Clyde	49	-2	2.1	4.3	6.9
347.3m	Enterprise	161	-6	12.1	7.6	8.2
1,969,000	Firstland	34	-2	..	..	..
18.8m	Garber Energy	36	-13	..	..	..
76.7m	Global N Res	328	..	..	..	..
30.0m	Goal Pet	41	-1	1.4	3.4	15.5
12.4m	Gt Western Res	61	-4	2.8	5.7	..
——	Hamilton	69⅛	+½	..	..	..
21.0m	Hunting	131	●+3	13.6	10.4	9.6
773.3m	IC Gas	566	+2	23.8	4.2	14.8
——	ICC Oil	..	..	.. f	..	..
10.4m	Inoco	46	+5	..	..	..
5,200,000	Jackson	9½	-2½	..	..	..
5,800,000	KCA Drilling	11	..	..	..	3.7
247.0m	LASMO	183	-8	17.4e	11.5	8.1
11.6m	Do Units	188	●-5	62.7	38.6	..
9,450,000	New Court	10½	-½	..	..	3.5
6,785,000	New London Oil	23	-3	..	..	..
——	Offshore	4	-½	..	..	..
——	Oil Search	39½	-3½	..	..	..
14.0m	Petranol	54	+2	2.1	3.9	4.6
6,207,000	Petrocon	60	+5	2.8b	3.7	7.9
118.4m	Premier	23⅝	-⅛	..	..	23.9
17,246.4m	Royal Dutch	£64⅝	+⅛	288	3.5	..
10,958.0m	Shell	957	-5	51.4	5.4	9.4
5,627,000	Silkolene	159	●-3	8.6	5.4	24.4
204.6m	Sovereign	31	-1	..	..	2.0
2,785,000	TR Energy	11½	-4	..	..	11.3
——	Tuskar	17	..	..	..	..
63.9m	Tricentrol	69½	-½	7.1e	11.2	2.2
122.1m	Triton Europe	148	..	..	..	22.0
493.8m	Ultramar	167½	●+1½	7.5	4.5	4.9
——	Woodside	58	+3	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
16.4m	Challenger	143	-3	10.0	7.0	12.6
81.1m	Finlay (James)	81	-1	3.6	6.5	..
600.0m	Harrisons Crosfield	485	-13	28.6	5.3	23.2
412.0m	Inchcape	488	●-10	25.0	5.3	36.5
2,678,000	Jacks (Wm)	34	s+½	1.7b	3.0	72.8
729.5m	Lonrho	235	-6	17.1	7.3	11.6
32.9m	Ocean Wilsons	86	..	3.6	4.3	14.5
67.9m	Paterson Zoch	228	● ..	9.3	3.3	7.1
63.9m	Do 'A'	278	●+3	9.3	3.3	7.1
189.9m	Polly Peck	174	●-2	7.5	4.3	3.3
383.7m	Sime Darby	68	..	..	..	..
30.9m	Steel Bros	640	●+10	22.9	3.6	13.9
143.2m	Tozer Kemsley	128½	+4½	..	..	48.8
48.6m	Yule Catto	261	-2	10.7	4.1	12.1

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.8m	Abbott Mead	213	-2	4.0	1.8	21.2
59.8m	Addison Cons	114	●-4	3.0	2.6	..
11.9m	Aldcorn Int	58	..	1.9	3.2	17.4
60.4m	Assoc Paper	345	-4	8.6	3.6	14.7
22.7m	Bader (Charles)	113	●+20	4.3	3.8	..
21.0m	Bemrose	183	●-2	10.0	5.5	74.7
48.2m	Boase Massimi	282	●+1	6.6b	2.4	18.4
620.5m	BPCC	241	●-10	20.0b	8.3	19.7
8,877,000	Brunning	185	-8	7.0	4.2	42.1
817.8m	Bunzl	200	●-5	5.7e	2.9	20.7
269.2m	Carlton Comm	940	+30	8.5	1.0	30.9
3,871,000	Chapman	223	+5	12.6	5.6	21.5
14.9m	Cropper (James)	370	..	3.9	1.7	8.4
294.3m	DRG	380	-10	12.3	4.4	12.0
17.5m	Davidson Pearce	135	●-1	3.9	2.9	13.6
28.4m	Eucalyptus Pulp	785	+15	7.1	0.9	13.1
72.8m	Ferguson Ind	274	●-3	11.8	4.3	17.1
16.3m	Fitch Design	329	..	9.0	2.8	17.4
14.6m	Geers Gross	98	+8	4.3	4.5	28.1
15.5m	Gold Greenlees	181	-2	1.4	0.8	27.6
12.8m	Good Relations	140	..	7.5	5.0	23.6
32.9m	Hunterprint	280	+2	10.0	3.1	11.7
18.3m	Lopex	121	+8	5.7	4.7	..
89.9m	Lowe HS & B	349	-6	9.6	2.8	20.8
154.0m	McCorquodale	305	-6	11.4b	3.8	18.0
38.4m	More O'Ferrall	148	●-6	6.1	4.2	18.4
41.7m	Norton Opax	130	●-5	5.7n	4.4	11.3
280.8m	Ogilvy & Mather	£17⅛	●-⅛	..	..	..
2,158,000	Olives Paper	67	+1	.. ●	..	80.2
103.2m	St Ives Gp	550	-15	12.9	1.5	19.4
697.8m	Saatchi & Saatchi	637	+4	22.9	3.6	12.7
105.4m	Do 6.5% Cnv Prf	168	..	8.0	6.5	..
887.5m	Smurfit (Jeff)	285	●-5	4.7	1.7	..
4,460,000	Usher Walker	211	●-5	16.8	8.1	9.8
13.6m	Valin Pollen	182	+7	1.7	1.1	31.1
5,408,000	Wace	67	+2	..	..	18.8
122.4m	Waddington (J)	198	-18	7.9	4.1	18.5
33.7m	Watmough	305	+2	8.7	2.2	14.6
122.4m	WCRS	504	-28	6.9	1.4	..

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
114.8m	Abaco	62	-4	0.3b	0.5	58.4
37.0m	Allied Lon	76	●-1	2.5	3.3	18.0
8,078,000	Apex	75	●-3	2.9	3.8	16.4
99.4m	Arlington Secs	300	-8	2.4	1.2	..
30.4m	Aada	345	..	4.3	1.3	43.0
17.5m	Belgrave	118	●-7	6.4	5.4	12.7
123.2m	Billion (P)	280	●-4	17.4	6.0	14.7
123.8m	Bradford	443	●-7	14.6	3.3	18.0
282.5m	Br Land	187	..	4.3	2.3	15.6
140.5m	Brixton	271	+1	8.5	3.6	20.1
2,580,000	Caird (A) &Sons	51	+1	1.5	2.9	22.1
25.9m	CALA	102	-1	2.8	2.6	11.9
214.8m	Cap & Counties	265	..	7.5	2.7	28.3
6,544,000	Cardiff Prop	320	..	2.6	0.8	..
29.4m	Centrovincial	185	..	8.5	4.6	61.5
91.0m	Chesterfield	465	●-5	17.2	3.9	18.8
7,651,000	Clarke Nickolls	148	+1	9.0t	6.0	22.5
42.3m	Conrad	387	-7	7.4	2.6	24.7
12.0m	Control Secs	16½	-2½	..	..	3.5
68.1m	Country & New	128	..	2.7	2.1	28.8
17.5m	County 'B'	175	..	5.6	3.2	5.6
13.3m	Cousins	240	●-10	8.9	3.7	24.4
107.3m	Daejan	680	+6	20.0	3.0	12.7
17.2m	Dares	14	-½	..	..	..
8,407,000	Estates & Agency	140	..	4.3	3.1	60.4
17.8m	Egerton Trust	108	-2	0.7	0.7	..
19.8m	Estates Gen	108	●-2	3.7	3.4	22.4
22.8m	Estates Prop	164	●-8	12.1	7.4	12.9
37.0m	Evans Of Leeds	113	..	5.7	5.0	12.6
15.3m	Five Oaks	61½	-3½	..	..	6.7
75.8m	Frogmore	218	●-2	10.9	5.0	10.8
385.0m	Gt Portland	201	+12	10.1b	5.0	25.0
175.3m	Greycoat	236	-6	3.1	1.3	44.4
——	Hallwood Gp	214½	..	..	..	..
155.5m	Hambro Countryside	305	+5	6.8	2.2	21.8
182.0m	Hammerson	480	●-6	13.6	3.0	28.5
564.2m	Do 'A'	455	●-10	13.6	3.1	28.6
28.4m	Hampton Tst	43½	-1	1.6	3.7	94.6
12.2m	Hanover Druce	231	-17	5.1	2.2	22.3
25.8m	Hardanger	375	-20	15.1	4.0	14.2
——	Hong Kong Land	68⅛	..	..	..	..
51.2m	Imry	376	+6	8.1	2.2	61.0
3,900,000	Intereuropean	300	..	2.9	1.0	..
156.1m	Laing Prop	280	●+2	10.7	3.7	14.8
1,711.7m	Land Securities	340	+3	14.5	4.3	22.7
146.1m	Lon & Edin Tst	595	r-30	9.5	1.6	22.1
38.8m	Do 6½%	227	r-6	..	..	..
44.5m	Lon & Prov Shop	274	●-12	8.7	2.4	78.3
46.5m	Lon Shop Prop	175	-2	7.9	4.5	20.0
——	Lynton	311	..	10.4	3.3	22.0
808.0m	MEPC	348	+11	15.7	4.5	22.3
21.7m	Marlborough	179	..	7.1	4.2	..
25.8m	McKay Secs	115	..	5.2	4.5	19.7
17.0m	Markheath	96	-1	3.1	5.5	19.9
78.3m	Marylebone	225	●+5	4.3	1.9	17.3
44.8m	Marler Est	[illegible]	-4	4.7	1.9	59.2
120.0m	Mountleigh	210½	+½	14.5	6.9	13.5
37.7m	Mountview	735	..	7.1	0.9	11.5
51.7m	Muckow (AJ)	99	..	7.7	7.8	14.8
10.8m	Municipal	322	● ..	17.3	6.8	43.1
13.9m	New Cavendish	100	●-6	1.7	1.7	50.3
8,466,000	Parkdale	79	..	2.3	2.9	13.3
94.9m	Peachey	274	-2	12.9	4.7	14.7
14.7m	Priest Marians	349	+3	..	..	..
72.8m	Prop & Rev	270	+10	6.4	2.4	45.5
136.8m	Prop Hldgs	166	-6	4.2	2.5	24.4
88.8m	Prop Security	139	-1	3.6	2.7	24.7
12.8m	Regian	11	●-1	0.1	0.9	47.8
89.8m	Regalian	330	●+5	5.7b	1.7	30.6
42.2m	Rivlin	118	-6	0.1	0.1	..
307.8m	Rosehaugh	580	●-10	1.4	0.2	66.1
92.1m	Rush & Tompkins	281	..	12.2	4.3	13.2
38.3m	Scot Met	88	●-2	8.1	5.9	19.1
14.0m	Shield Gp	175	..	2.9	1.7	28.2
808.6m	Slough Estates	190	+3	8.3	4.6	18.2
66.3m	Speyhawk	405	-5	13.6	3.4	21.2
18.4m	Stand Secs	160	..	6.0	3.8	18.1
202.1m	Stockley	85	-1	..	..	..
21.1m	Southend Stadium	283	+11	0.6	0.2	65.1
48.8m	Town Centre	55	+2	1.6	2.9	25.8
28.9m	Trafford Park	258	● ..	17.1	7.3	13.7
8,880,000	UK Land	280	..	..	..	..
82.4m	Warner	885	+5	27.9	3.2	39.2
74.4m	Warnford	775	+50	25.0	3.2	27.7
173.3m	Wates	132	..	3.3	2.5	35.9
7,718,000	Webb (Jos)	30	-1	0.7	2.3	50.0
5,845,000	West & Country	176	● ..	12.1	6.9	10.1

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
240.0m	Assoc Br Ports	298	+13	7.7	2.6	16.4
620.8m	Br Commonwealth	303	●-15	8.1b	2.7	21.3
276.8m	Caledonia	285	●-10	7.4	2.6	50.2
15.2m	Fisher (James)	64	-2	4.8	7.5	11.6
8,032,000	Graig	502	●+2	21.4	4.3	41.7
14.5m	Jacobs (JI)	63	-1	5.1b	8.1	48.1
861,000	Lyle	8½	-½	.. ●	..	0.5
740,000	Mersey Docks	37	+6	..	..	3.9
273.5m	Ocean Transport	238	-15	12.9b	5.4	10.9
1,830.8m	P & O Dfd	595	●-15	25.0	5.0	14.5
14.7m	Runciman (Walter)	168	-5	7.1	4.2	28.5
68.0m	Tiphook	335	-25	6.1	1.8	22.2
1,894,000	Turnbull Scott	375	+5	12.9	3.4	32.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
43.2m	FII	360	●-5	9.6	2.7	10.4
18.6m	Garner Booth	172	●-2	14.3b	8.3	10.7
1,582,000	Headlam Sims	39	+2	0.7	1.8	..
11.1m	Lambert Howarth	188	+3	8.9	4.5	10.8
3,027,000	Newbold & Burton	72	+4	4.4	6.1	21.8
17.0m	Pittard	140	● ..	5.5	3.9	9.6
20.1m	Strong & Fisher	136	-2	12.9	9.3	6.4
43.8m	Stylo	228	+3	6.4	2.8	28.2

TEXTILES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
59.7m	Allied Text	295	-5	10.7	4.0	18.2
10.2m	Atkins Bros	278	+8	10.0	3.7	16.9
7,578,000	Beale (John)	168	+3	6.9	4.1	6.8
10.5m	Beckman (A)	104	●+1	8.2	7.9	12.1
3,113,000	Bolton	34	-1	..	..	36.2
17.9m	Br Mohair	135	●-1	8.6n	6.4	8.2
10.0m	Bulmer & Lumb	117	..	7.1	6.1	25.8
23.8m	Coats	67½	-1	5.7	8.4	..
1,236.8m	Courtaulds	325	+13	9.3	2.9	11.0
125.5m	Crowther (J)	159	●-4	4.6	2.9	12.9
329.4m	Dawson	218	-3	8.9	4.1	11.7
11.4m	Debron	30	+2	0.7	1.4	39.4
——	Drummond	141	+11	..	..	..
1,814,000	Dura Mill	65	● ..	2.9	4.6	8.6
5,076,000	Foster (John)	65	-2	5.0	7.7	3.7
5,272,000	Gaskell Broadloom	112	+2	7.9	7.1	8.2
2,815,000	Hicking Pentecost	41	-1	..	..	..
50.7m	Illingworth	127	-3	5.0	3.9	11.6
4,428,000	Ingram (Harold)	127	-2	4.3	3.4	24.1
6,119,000	Jerome (S)	105	-5	5.0	4.7	10.2
44.1m	Lamont	198	●+3	6.9	3.5	12.6
14.1m	Leeds	180	-3	8.0	4.2	12.3
20.4m	Lister	128	+16	1.4	1.1	10.9
3,522,000	Lyles (S)	97	●+4	8.2	8.5	10.9
5,060,000	Mackay (Hugh)	101	● ..	6.7	6.6	14.6
3,712,000	Munton	22⅛	+⅛	..	..	14.5
7,544,000	Parkland 'A'	136	+4	6.5	5.1	10.7
48.1m	Readicut	45	-½	2.5	5.6	10.4
5,657,000	SEET	141	-1	7.6	5.4	8.0
10.9m	Sekers	112	+1	3.6	3.2	9.0
74.3m	Sirdar	139	●-1	7.4	5.3	10.2
1,675,000	Smallshaw (R)	67	..	3.9	5.8	8.1
3,934,000	Stoddard 'A'	31	+1½	..	..	..
5,524,000	Textured Jersey	138	-2	8.6	6.2	7.9
12.8m	Tomkinsons	218	..	8.6	4.0	17.2
178.0m	Tootal	101	●-1	5.9	5.8	10.5
12.1m	Yorklyde	280	..	10.0	3.6	8.7

TOBACCOS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,787.0m	BAT	458	●-7	18.4	4.0	12.0
411.3m	Rothmans 'B'	167	+11	9.6	5.7	5.9

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GILT-EDGED

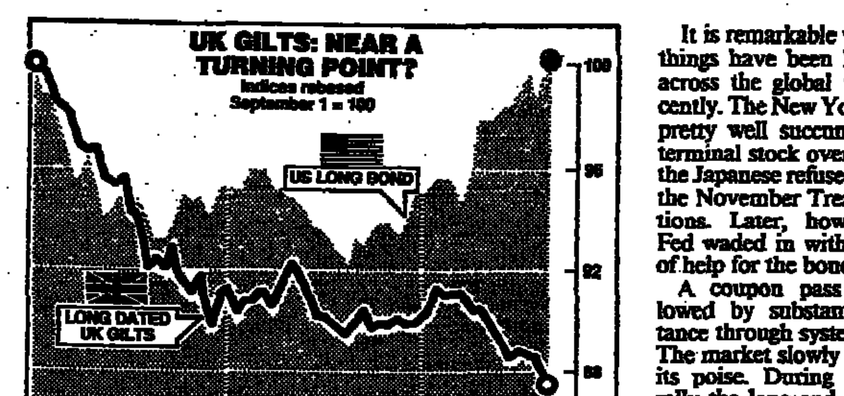
Market set for imminent turn as yields edge towards 12%

Gilts are in radioactive mode. They ended last week in a kind of smouldering heap, after a series of totally exhilarating — and completely terrifying — trading sessions. Who says the new market is tame?

Futures trading tells part of the story. Before Big Bang daily turnover was about 10,000 contracts, or £500 million. Last Thursday saw a total of 31,480 lots, worth £1.57 billion, traded. It is a new world indeed.

The inter-dealer broker screens fail to give the whole picture on prices. Prices are moving with terrifying rapidity. Market-makers must hedge their positions in futures. Meanwhile, the market is struck, as it was last week, by a series of shocks which appears to alter completely the basis on which stocks have been evaluated. Not easy.

A few statistics convey part of the doomwatch flavour of the week. Early in November high coupon shorts were yielding slightly more than 11



Speculation can prove the better part of valour

per cent. At the beginning of the second week of this month returns had risen to 11.47 per cent. At the peak of the carnage last week, average high coupon short yields were up to 11.70 per cent. Have the authorities invented a market which can do nothing but go down?

The medium coupon area, which normally interests the foreign investor, was hit by similar devastation. Returns for turn-of-the-century stocks were a fraction under 11 per cent at the beginning of the week. By mid-week the figure was nearing 11.3 per cent. A prominent stock like Exchequer 15 per cent 1997, which trades around the peak of the yield curve, was within a smidgen of 12 per cent yields.

Part of the damage was attributable to remarks by Sir Terence Burns, Chief Economic Adviser, at the regular session of the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

Questioning Sir Terence about the autumn statement in general and exchange rate policy in particular, committee members were astonished to hear that no Treasury target, either implicit or explicit, existed for the pound.

They were not half as surprised as the gilts market. Traders had taken great comfort in early November from the Chancellor's adamantine statement on television that current parities would be defended to the last ditch through interest rates.

"Oh, no," groaned the traders, as they realized that another statement from the Chancellor was subject to the customary seasonal adjustment process. Down went the currency and down went gilts.

Worse was to come. The next day the gilts market felt itself cutting totally loose from familiar landmarks when the Prime Minister ruled out early membership of the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System (EMS). She also appeared to veto either the use of the interest rate weapon to defend sterling or intervention.

Sterling promptly nose-dived through the absolute floor for the currency of 68, dragging the gilts market to unprecedented lows. At the long end some stocks are 25 per cent off their highs for the year.

Yet in a curious way, the Prime Minister's statement contained the seeds of possible recovery for the market. The bullish argument is certainly subtle, perhaps tenuous, and almost certainly short-term. But a good case can be made for buying the gilts market at these extraordinary yield peaks.

Brave souls were plunging in late last week and buying the high coupon stocks for income. Meanwhile, the traders were switching longer, out of the safe 1993-95 areas and into the zones where real volatility can be found.

With some good fortune, assuming the currency stands up in the hope that this week's crop of data will be good, most notably tomorrow's October trade figures, there is a reasonable chance that the market will rebound from these levels. It is not quite a case of buying while stocks last, more a matter of deciding that speculation, in the short term, can prove the better part of valour.

The Prime Minister's remarks torpedoed market hopes of an early panacea to apprehensions about rampant credit growth, huge balance of payments deficits and slumping sterling. This is what the EMS means for the market.

Britain was opting not to become a fledgling member of the new German empire. But, by the same token, fear of an early policy-inspired rise in interest rates and a severe tightening in credit policy were also removed. These policy moves would form part of the entry fee to EMS.

The removal of these factors from the generalized gilt market equation effectively leaves the market free to reorient itself towards New York and perhaps other world bond markets. A new flexibility returns to the market, provided all the other bits and pieces fit into place,

It is remarkable what good things have been happening across the global village recently. The New York market pretty well succumbed to a terminal stock overload after the Japanese refused to bid at the November Treasury auctions. Later, however, the Fed waded in with all kinds of help for the bond market.

A coupon pass was followed by substantial assistance through system repose. The market slowly recovered its poise. During the latest rally the long end has fallen about 45 basis points in yield terms; returns have declined from a peak of nearly 8 per cent to about 7.50 per cent.

The performance was helped by broad hints from Mr Manuel Johnson, the Fed's vice-chairman, that extra scope existed for a discount rate cut. A heavy hint to the market to nudge it into action? Perhaps, but bond traders still reacted positively.

The Japanese market has been firm and so have German bonds. In some respects

Good case can be made for buying at present peaks

Frankfurt has turned in one of the most surprising performances. Prices have zipped ahead in the face of continued Bundesbank intransigence over easier credit policies.

Yields have fallen from a recent peak of about 6.07 per cent to close on 6 per cent. The latest stock offering from the Federal Government, 6½ per cent 1996, has stormed to a premium of DM2 over the issue price.

As British yields near 12 per cent, the level of protection on offer ought to guarantee adequate investor protection. A turn in the market looks imminent.

Conversely, if stocks fail to bounce and investors refuse to buy long yields at 11 per cent plus, then it is on to ever higher levels of return, with savers and borrowers still seeking an equilibrium area of dialogue. And back to the Terror of the Screens.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(In Thousands Except Per Share Data)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30 1986	1985
Interest Income	$462,115	$385,963
Interest Expense	433,800	388,249
Net Interest Margin (loss)	28,315	(2,286)
Loan & Investment Loss Provision	20,541	1,197
Gains on Sales of Investments	27,432	36,475
Net Income	55,906	36,636
Per Share	7.84	8.10

	As of September 30 1986	1985
Total Assets	$6,142,788	$4,711,001
Total Stockholders' Equity	296,807	156,536
Book Value per Common Share	27.04	24.77
Common Shares Outstanding	7,782	6,319

The company is applying for a listing on The London Stock Exchange. Particulars can be obtained from the sponsors of the Introduction: Banque Paribas Capital Markets, 17-20 Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3ED. Tel: 01-242 0173.

CenTrust Savings Bank
101 East Flagler Street Miami, FL 33131

COMPANY NEWS

● STODDARD HOLDINGS: Figures in £000s for the six months to September 30. Turnover 17,445 (17,393) operating profit 676 (403) finance charges 280 (379) profit before tax 396 (24) earnings per share 0.9p (loss 2p) fully diluted earnings per share 0.7p (loss 0.2p).

● S LYLES: Trading continues to be buoyant, the chairman, Mr John Lyles, told the annual meeting.

● BOC GROUP: A £128 million write-down of assets in the graphite electrode business will be shown in the consolidated profit and loss account for the year to September 30 as an exceptional item. For comparison purposes, all segmental analysis will be based on operating profits before exceptional items.

● BEJAM GROUP: Trading for the present financial year has been significantly stronger than for the disappointing year just reported, the annual meeting was told.

● PICT PETROLEUM: Pict has agreed with Elf UK that, subject to contract, it will exchange all its North Sea and other British offshore oil exploration interests (excluding its Claymore, Rob Roy/Ivanhoe and Southern N Sea gas interests) for Elf's interests in 26 British onshore licences, mainly in the Midlands and Yorkshire.

● SOMIC: The dividend for the six months to September 30 was 0.5p (same) sales £1,556,454 ((£1,494,385) trading loss £19,377 (profit £21,257) income from rents (net) £30,069 (£32,105) profit before tax £10,692 (£53,362) no tax (£16,009) earnings per share 0.53p (1.868p).

● GUEST, KEEN & NETTLEFOLDS: The company has reached agreement for the sale, for £20 million, of GKN Stenman division to two Swedish investment companies, Heavea & Investment and Carnegie and Company.

● SAMUEL MONTAGU AND COMPANY: The company has been appointed arranger for a $50 million (£35 million) uncommitted Euro commercial paper insurance programme for Sweden's Skaraborgsbanken. Notes will be issued under the programme with maturities of between 11 and 365 days.

● AYER HITAM TIN DREDGING The low tin price will have an adverse effect on the company's performance for the present year, shareholders have been told.

● SEAFIELD: For the 24 weeks to June 14, with figures in Ir£, group turnover was 3,119,000 (3,228,000) group trading profit 17,935 (37,782 loss), share of associated company's profit nil (19,540), depreciation and interest 70,508 (101,717), loss before tax and extraordinary items 52,573 (119,959), tax nil (9,000) extraordinary items nil (76,791).

● BP PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT: The company has agreed in principle to purchase, for about £17 million, the exploration and production interests of Sulpetro, a Canadian based company.

● NMC INVESTMENTS: The dividend for the six months to September 30 is 0.5p (nil). With figures in £000s, turnover was 4,010 (3,499), pretax profit 759 (223), tax 178 (60) minority interest 1 (1), profit attributable 580 (162) earnings per share 2.34p (0.98p).

● WSL HOLDINGS: 2,278,003 new ordinary shares have been allotted as additional consideration for Schools Abroad, Pilgrim-Air and the minority interest in H and C Travelaway.

● WILLIAM SINCLAIR HOLDINGS: The chairman, Mr Tom Sinclair, told the annual meeting that turnover so far this year is 20 per cent ahead of the corresponding period of last year.

● COMMON BROTHERS: No dividend for the year to June 30. With figures in £000s, turnover was 31,272 (42,495 restated), operating profit 1,310 (23,974 loss), interest payable 286 (2,300), pretax profit 1,024 (26,274 loss). Tax receivable 401 (276 payable). Minority interests nil (1,403 cdt), extraordinary items 19,552 (nil), earnings per share 2.83p (418.41p loss).

● SIMS CATERING BUTCHERS: The dividend for the six months to September 30 is 1.2p (same). With figures in £000s, turnover was 6,286 (4,177), pretax profit 254 (323), tax 89 (114). Pre-acquisition profits nil (45 debt), attributable 165 (164). Earnings per share 4.42p (4.69p).

● SEAGRAM DISTILLERS: For the six months to July 31. With figures in £000s, turnover was 137,217 (153,697). Operating profit 14,049 (26,094), interest payable 7,611 (8,399), Exchange losses 231 (1,947 gains). Profit before tax 6,207 (19,642), tax 2,045 (7,568). Profit after tax 4,162.

● EQUIPU: The company has reached agreement to acquire Mellordata, conditional on the approval of Equipu shareholders and on the admission to the official list of 357,143 new ordinary shares, which will be issued to the vendors on completion.

● NEW COURT TRUST: The unaudited net asset value per share on October 31 was 605p, after deducting the proposed final dividend, payable on December 18.

● HILL THOMSON & CO: For the six months to July 31, with figures in £000s, turnover was 4,792 (5,002), pretax profit 528 (573), tax 180 (234). Turnover and profit margins continued to under pressure.

● METALS EXPLORATION: The company reports growth in group activities during the year ended June 30, despite weak tin and nickel markets. Consolidated net loss for the year after making provisions for write-offs of Aus$1,597,000 (£719,855), was Aus$1,813,000 (profit of Aus$1,021,000 in 1984-85).

● BERKELEY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION: Terms have been agreed on "an increased and final offer" to be made on behalf of Ranger UK. The offer will be 64p in cash for each Berkeley share, putting a value of £15.6 million on the Berkeley issued share capital. Clyde Petroleum says that it has sold to Ranger its entire holding of 6,132,844 Berkeley ordinary shares at 64p a share for £3.9 million cash. As a result, with the consent of the Takeover Panel, the offer by Clyde for Berkeley has been withdrawn. The buyer of the Berkeley shares is Foothills, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ranger Oil, which now holds 14,516,143 shares (about 59.5 per cent).

● PREMIER GROUP HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 36 cents or 12p (32 cents), payable about January 17. Preferred dividend 67.5 cents (nil). Figures in rand 000s for the six months to September 30 (comparisons restated). Turnover 1,328.8 (1,149.3), pretax profit 53.5 (26.2), tax 19.4 (5.4). Earnings attributable 44.7 (23.6), earnings per share 70.3 cents (41.6 cents).

● LADBROKE GROUP: After its success, the Euro commercial paper programme is to be increased from $75 million (£52 million) to $150 million. The expanded programme will, for the first time, include the issue of sterling commercial paper in denominations of £500,000 and £1 million. The company has announced an increase in its revolving credit facilities from $75 million to $140 million. The short-dated promissory notes will continue to be issued by Ladbroke Group Finance, a wholly-owned subsidiary by whom the issue is guaranteed.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 21	Market rates close November 21	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4105-1.4200	1.4190-1.4200	0.65-0.25prem	1.84-1.79prem
Montreal	1.9528-1.9703	1.9674-1.9703	0.48-0.37prem	1.41-1.26prem
Ams'dam	3.2165-3.2387	3.2332-3.2387	1¾-1½prem	4¾-4½prem
Brussels	59.43-60.04	59.48-59.61	25-15prem	60-50prem
C'phgen	10.7580-10.8380	10.8194-10.8380	2⅛-1⅜prem	4⅜-3⅝prem
Dublin	1.0450-1.0530	1.0515-1.0525	31-40dis	70-86dis
Frankfurt	2.8421-2.8690	2.8638-2.8690	1¾-1½prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	210.25-212.44	211.51-212.44	95-150dis	200-600dis
Madrid	191.75-192.90	192.56-192.90	10-85dis	20-120dis
Milan	1968.60-1986.56	1980.20-1986.56	3-par prem	5-2prem
Oslo	10.7285-10.8209	10.7953-10.8209	4-4¾dis	10¾-11¾dis
Paris	9.3064-9.3928	9.3730-9.3928	3-2¾prem	7¾-7prem
St'khlm	9.8345-9.9029	9.8854-9.9029	1⅝-⅞prem	4⅜-3½prem
Tokyo	230.12-232.97	232.51-232.97	1½-1¼prem	3¾-3½prem
Vienna	20.02-20.14	20.10-20.14	10-8⅝prem	29-25⅝prem
Zurich	2.3682-2.3948	2.3897-2.3944	2-1⅝prem	4⅝-4½prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 67.9 (day's range 67.8-68.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6236-1.6304
Australia dollar	2.1893-2.1926
Bahrain dinar	0.5305-0.5345
Brazil cruzado*	19.81-19.93
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland marka	6.9895-7.0295
Greece drachma	195.75-197.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.0123-11.0216
India rupee	18.40-18.60
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4135-0.4175
Malaysia dollar	3.6800-3.6900
Mexico peso	1185-1235
New Zealand dollar	2.7229-2.7354
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2790-5.3190
Singapore dollar	3.0958-3.0993
South Africa rand	3.1474-3.1638
U A E dirham	5.1705-5.2105

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3470-1.3500
Singapore	2.1905-2.1915
Malaysia	2.6045-2.6065
Australia	0.6450-0.6455
Canada	1.3864-1.3869
Sweden	6.9660-6.9710
Norway	7.6040-7.6090
Denmark	7.6275-7.6325
West Germany	2.0170-2.0180
Switzerland	1.6833-1.6843
Netherlands	2.2780-2.2790
France	6.6030-6.6080
Japan	163.68-163.78
Italy	1397.0-1398.0
Belgium(Comm)	41.88-41.93
Hong Kong	7.7925-7.7935
Portugal	149.20-149.50
Spain	135.75-135.85
Austria	14.19-14.21

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10⅞ Low 10
Week fixed: 10

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10 13/16; 3 mnth 10 22/32
Selling: 2 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10 21/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 11/16; 2 mnth 10 13/16-10⅝
3 mnth 10 13/16-10 11/16; 6 mnth 10 13/16-10 11/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/16; 2 mnth 11 7/16
3 mnth 11 7/16; 6 mnth 11 7/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9⅞ close 11
1 week 10⅞-10⅝; 6 mnth 11⅛-11⅜
1 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16; 9 mnth 11⅛-11⅜
3 mnth 11⅜-11 3/16; 12 mth 11⅛-11⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10; 7 days 10
1 mnth 10 11/16; 3 mnth 11⅛
6 mnth 11⅛; 12 mth 11⅛

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅜-11⅛; 2 mnth 11⅜-11⅛
3 mnth 11⅛-11; 6 mnth 11⅛-11
9 mnth 11⅛-11; 12 mth 11⅛-11

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 11/16; 3 mnth 11 5/32-11 3/16
6 mnth 11⅜-11⅛; 12 mth 11⅜-11⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.05-6.00; 3 mnth 5.95-5.90
6 mnth 5.90-5.85; 12 mth 6.05-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	5⅞-6 1/16	1 mnth	6-5⅞
3 mnth	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 mnth	6 1/16-5 15/16
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 mnth	4⅝-4½
3 mnth	4⅝-4½	6 mnth	4⅝-4½
French Franc		call	7⅝-6⅞
7 days	7⅝-7⅛	1 mnth	7 9/16-7 7/16
3 mnth	8-7⅝	6 mnth	8⅛-8⅜
Swiss Franc		call	1½-⅝
7 days	7⅛-7	1 mnth	3-2⅞
3 mnth	3 15/16-3 13/16	6 mnth	3 15/16-3 13/16
Yen		call	4⅛-3⅞
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 mnth	4⅝-4½
3 mnth	4 11/16-4 9/16	6 mnth	4 11/16-4 9/16

GOLD

Gold:$383.00-383.50
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 380.00-383.00 (£268.75-270.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 90.25-91.25 (£63.75-64.50)
Platinum
$ 480.50 (£339.80)
*Excludes VAT

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £320.3M allotted: £100M
Bids: £97.335% received: 2%
Last week: £97.345% received: £99%
Avge rate: £10.6558% last wk £10.63893
Next week: £100M replace £100M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 8, 1986 to October 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.237 per cent.

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Choice of forum guidelines

Spiliada Maritime Corporation v Cansulex Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches November 19]

In deciding whether a case was a proper one for service on a defendant out of the jurisdiction, the question to be asked was in which forum the case could most suitably and appropriately be tried for the interests of all the parties and for the ends of justice.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Spiliada Maritime Corporation, from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Oliver) (*The Times* March 16, 1985; [1985] 2 Lloyd's Rep 116) reversing the decision of Mr Justice Staughton on November 16, 1984.

Mr Justice Staughton had dismissed the application of the Canadian defendants, Cansulex Ltd, to set aside or stay the proceedings brought against them by the plaintiffs regarding damage caused to their vessel through the carriage of the defendants' cargo of wet sulphur.

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Nicholas Legh-Jones for the plaintiffs; Mr Robert Alexander, QC and Mr Peter Goldsmith for the defendants.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the solution of disputes about the relative merits of trial in England and trial abroad was pre-eminently a matter for the trial judge. Commercial Court judges were very experienced in such matters. In nearly every case evidence was on affidavit by witnesses of acknowledged probity.

His Lordship hoped that in future the judge would be allowed to study the evidence and refresh his memory of the speech of Lord Goff in the present case in the quiet of his room without expense to the parties; that he would not be referred to other decisions on other facts; and that submissions would be be measured in hours and not days.

An appeal should be rare and the appellate court should be slow to interfere. His Lordship agreed with Lord Goff that there were no grounds for interference in the present case.

LORD GOFF said that in cases where jurisdiction had been founded as of right, that is, where in this country the defendant had been served with proceedings within the jurisdiction, the defendant could now apply to the court to exercise its discretion to stay the proceedings on the ground usually called *forum non conveniens*.

That principle, long recognized in Scots law, had only been recognized recently in England. The classic statement was that of Lord Kinnear in *Sim v Robinow* ((1892) 19 R 665, 668):

"The plea can never be sustained unless the court is satisfied that there is some tribunal, having competent jurisdiction, in which the case may be tried more suitably for the interests of all the parties and for the ends of justice."

It was to be doubted whether the Latin tag *forum non conveniens* was apt to describe that principle. For the question was not one of convenience, but of the suitability or the appropriateness of the jurisdiction.

The Latin tag was so widely used it was probably sensible to retain it, but it was most important not to allow it to mislead one into thinking that the question at issue was one of mere practical convenience.

In the light of authoritative statements of the Scottish doctrine it was wiser to avoid use of "convenience" and to refer to the "appropriate" forum.

The law could at present be summarised as follows:

1 The basic principle was that a stay would only be granted on the ground of *forum non conveniens* where the court was satisfied that there was some other available forum, having competent jurisdiction, which was the appropriate forum for the trial, that is, in which the case could be tried more suitably for the interests of all the parties and the ends of justice.

2 In general the burden of proof rested on the defendant to persuade the court to exercise its discretion to grant a stay, although in respect of such matters raised to persuade the court to exercise its discretion the burden would lie on the party asserting it.

Furthermore, if the court was satisfied that there was another available forum which was *prima facie* the appropriate forum the burden would then shift to the plaintiff to show that there were special circumstances by which justice required that the trial should nevertheless take place in England.

3 The burden resting on the defendant was not just to show that England was not the natural or appropriate forum for the trial but to establish that there was another available forum which was clearly or distinctly more appropriate than the English forum.

In that way, proper regard was paid to the fact that jurisdiction had been founded in England as of right. There was the further advantage that, on a subject where comity was of importance, it appeared that there would be a broad consensus among major common law jurisdictions.

4 Since the question was whether there existed some other forum which was clearly more appropriate for the trial of the action, the court would look first to see what factors existed which pointed in the direction of another forum.

It was desirable to adopt the expression of Lord Keith in *The Abin Daver* ([1984] AC 398, 415) when he referred to the "natural forum" as being "that with which the action had the most real and substantial connection".

So it was for connecting factors in that sense that the court had first to look; and those would include not only factors affecting convenience or expense (such as availability of witnesses), but also other factors such as the law governing the relevant transaction and the places where the parties respectively resided or carried on business.

5 If the court concluded at that stage that there was no other available forum which was clearly more appropriate for the trial of the action, it would ordinarily refuse a stay.

6 If, however, the court concluded at that stage that there was some other available forum which *prima facie* was clearly more appropriate for the trial of the action, it would ordinarily grant a stay unless there were circumstances by reason of which justice required that a stay should nevertheless not be granted.

In that inquiry, the court would consider all the circumstances, including thosewhich went beyond those taken into account when considering connecting factors with other jurisdictions. One such factor could be the fact, if established objectively by cogent evidence, that the plaintiff would not obtain justice in the foreign jurisdiction.

As to how the principle was applied in cases where the court exercised its discretionary power under Order 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, an apparent difference of view was to be found in the speeches of Lord Diplock and Lord Wilberforce in the *Amin Rasheed* case ([1984] AC 50).

The statement of Lord Wilberforce was the applicable principle. It bore a marked resemblance to the principles applicable in *forum non conveniens* cases.

It was inevitable that the question in both groups of cases was that expressed by Lord Kinnear in *Sim v Robinow*, namely, to identify the forum in which the case could be suitably tried for the interests of all the parties and for the ends of justice.

Clearly, the mere fact that a plaintiff had a legitimate personal or juridical advantage in proceedings in England could not be decisive. To give the plaintiff his advantage at the expense of the defendant was not consistent with the objective approach inherent in Lord Kinnear's statement of principle.

The underlying fundamental principle remained: to consider where the case could be tried "suitably for the interests all the parties and the ends of justice". For example, an English court would not, normally, hesitate to stay proceedings merely because a party would be deprived of higher damages here.

But the underlying principle required that regard must be had to the interests of all the parties and the ends of justice; and those considerations could lead to a different conclusion in other cases.

For example, it would not normally be wrong to allow a plaintiff to keep the benefit of security obtained by commencing proceedings here, while at the same time granting a stay of proceedings in this country to enable the action to proceed in the appropriate forum.

Again, in relation to time bars, practical justice demanded that, if the court considered that the plaintiff had acted reasonably in commencing proceedings in this country, and that, although it appeared that (putting on one side the time bar point) the appropriate forum was elsewhere than England, the plaintiff did not act unreasonably in failing to commence proceedings (for example by issuing a protective writ) in that jurisdiction within the limitation period applicable there, it would not be just to deprive the plaintiff of the benefit of having started proceedings here.

The present case was a classic example of one where the appellate court had simply formed a different view of the weight to be given to the various factors, and was not, therefore an appropriate case for interfering with the exercise of the judge's discretion.

Lord Keith, Lord Griffiths and Lord Mackay agreed.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Linklaters & Paines.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Glasgow

Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering

Research Appointments - Integrated Optics, Semiconductor and Picosecond Optoelectronics

Two posts are available for suitably qualified (Ph.D. level) researchers to work in a major group currently supported by a substantial grant from SERC. Research is concerned with novel semiconductor lasers, monolithic optical integration, non-linear guided-wave optics and all-optical switching devices with picosecond response times. Excellent facilities for high-resolution electron-beam and photo-lithography are available and a new purpose-built laboratory for molecular beam epitaxy is at an advanced stage of preparation. Also available are picosecond laser facilities and microwave test equipment for device measurement. The group is therefore in an excellent position to design, make and test a new generation of high-speed devices for future optical communications, optical logic and optically-controlled microwave systems.

Appointments will be for up to three years on Range 1A scale (Academically Related Staff) with commencing salaries up to £11,275 per annum (under review). Engineers, Materials Scientists and Physicists with research experience in non-linear and guided-wave optics, expitaxial growth or semiconductor lasers should apply.

Applications, including C.V. (three copies) with names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to Professor John Lamb, Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ, not later than 13 December.

Further particulars will be provided upon request.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Centre for Health Economics

Research Fellow

Applications are invited from graduates in economics, economic statistics or econometrics, for a post of research fellow. Applicants need have no previous experience in health economics but must be prepared to invest in these skills. The post is concerned with costing health care therapies and investigating the cost effectiveness of screening procedures. The post is avialable for two years in the first instance

Salary within the range £7,055 to £9,495 per annum, with USS. (These salary scales are currently under review)

Six copies of applications with full curriculum vitae and naming three referees should be sent to the Registrar's Department (Appointments), University of York, Heslington, York, YO1 5DD.

Further particulars are available. Please quote advertisement reference number 1/7144

Closing date Monday 8 December 1986.

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs

RESEARCH VISITOR PROGRAMME

Each year the Centre offers two visiting research fellowships, the TENNENT CALEDONIAN FELLOWSHIP and the ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND FELLOWSHIP. These are intended primarily though not exclusively for professional philosophers and political theorists and sabbatical leave from their own university or college. The fellowships carry with them a room in the Department of Moral Philosophy, access to library and word-processing facilities, limited secretarial services, a travel allowance, accommodation in one of the University's Halls of residence (or an accommodation allowance of similar value), research expenses, and a small honorarium. Fellowships are normally held for one academic term, but may be held for longer by those who are able to bring additional financial support with them.

Applications for these two fellowships for the academic year 1987/88 are now invited. Applicants should send:

1) A curriculum vitae
2) Outline of proposed research
3) The names and addresses of at least two references
4) A letter indicating the period during which the applicant, if successful, would prefer to hold the fellowship.

To The Establishment Officer, University of St Andrews, College Gate, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AJ from whom further information may be obtained by the closing date of 12 January 1986.

University of London

CHAIR OF LAW TENABLE AT KING'S COLLEGE LONDON (KQC)

The Senate invite applications for the above Chair. Applications (10 copies), which would be welcome from candidates with experience in any particular area of Law, should be submitted to the Teachers' Section (T), University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first be obtained.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 9 January 1987.

APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

Applications are invited for the appointment of Bursar from 1st September, 1987, on the retirement of Mr. J.E. Madocks.

The University's recurrent income approaches £50 million and capital works in train total some £2 million. The Bursar is head of sections of the administration dealing with such matters as financial management, investments, income generation, captial works, engineering services, and the maintenance and development of the University estate. Extensive experience in at least some of these areas, not necessarily in universities, will be required. Salary in accordance with experience.

Further particulars and conditions of the appointment may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

Letters quoting the reference 1079 and the Form of Application should reach him not later than 15 January 1987.

Head of Department of Life Sciences

£19,833 - £21,639

Applications are invited from well qualified biologists for the post of Head of Department of Life Sciences. Candidates will be expected to have substantial teaching and research experience in higher education and have industrial experience. The successful candidate is expected to promote strong academic leadership and will be eligible for consideration for election to the Professoriate of Trent Polytechnic. The appointment will be effective from Easter 1987 or alternatively from the beginning of 1987/88 academic session.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Staffing Officer, Trent Polytechnic, Burton Street, Nottingham NG1 4BU (Telephone 0602 418248, ext 2041). Closing date for receipt of applications: 3 December, 1986.

Trent Polytechnic Nottingham

Nottinghamshire County Council.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PRACTICE

LECTURER (NON-CLINICAL)

Applications are invited for a Lectureship (Non-Clinical) in the Department of General Practice. This is a new position and it is hoped to attract applicants from either behavioural or statistical disciplines. The appointee would be expected to contribute to the Department's expanding teaching and research programme. In addition to pursuing his/her own research interests the Lecturer would be expected to provide the Department with expertise in research design and statistics.

Initial salary will be within the first seven points of the Lecturer scale with membership of USS.

Further information available from Professor E. Idriss Williams, Department of General Practice, Telephone Nottingham (0602) 700111 extension 4592.

Other particulars and a form of application may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Medical School, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2UH whom completed applications should be returned by 12 January 1987.

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A guide to career choice

A priest is always on call

Roger Jones looks at the demands and rewards of a spiritual calling

A year or so ago I attended an event billed as a "Jobfair" designed to bring together employers seeking staff and people seeking jobs. And from the numbers present it appeared to be a great success.

As I strolled among the booths occupied by investment brokers, catering firms and the like, I stumbled upon a solitary figure wearing a clerical collar. My first thought was that he must be the chaplain to some captain of commerce. But when we got into conversation it turned out that he was in the recruitment business too, although admittedly his firm had been in business for a good many centuries longer than the others.

If his appearance occasioned surprise, it is surely because the priesthood is regarded as different from other professions. It is much more than just a job with terms and conditions of service, etc. It is a vocation. Yet perhaps it is not so very different.

Recruitment and training are every bit as important for this as for other professions, not to mention salaries and pensions. Two millenia ago life was somewhat simpler.

As with any profession, is it inadvisable to make any long-term commitment until you have a clear idea

A strong religious commitment is vital

of the pros and cons? One needs to shake off, for example, the preconception that a priest is primarily a social worker, or that a rural parson has plenty of time on his hands for the study of butterflies.

While there is certainly a social component and a study element in a priest's work, his chief concern is the saving of souls. A strong religious commitment is, therefore, vital.

There are times when the spiritual benefits of the work may seem poor compensation for the material benefits enjoyed by one's parishioners, as a friend of mine found when trying to support his growing family on a curate's salary.

Indeed, unless you are lucky enough to enjoy a private income, your life-style will need to be fairly modest. Yet, whatever the other drawbacks, you may be reasonably sure of a roof over your head, although you have to remember that your rights to a tied cottage may well come to an end with retirement.

Not that you are obliged to retire, and I was interested to learn recently of a parish priest who was still active at the age of 100.

What sort of people go into holy orders? At one time most churches restricted entry to the priesthood to the male of the species, but we live in changing times. The Church of England, for instance, is agonizing over the problem of whether to appoint women priests, while some of the Free Churches have already taken the decision to do so.

There is every reason to expect an increase in career opportunities for women at all levels in religious organizations, although the prospect of a lady Archbishop of Canterbury still looks decidedly remote.

On the other hand, age seems to be no barrier and I can name people who after spending several years in such diverse professions as computer programming, teaching and accountancy now wear dog collars. Maturity and experience of the world are counted as assets which can help greatly in understanding the needs and problems of one's parishioners.

Good communication skills are essential, although the ability to preach a three-hour sermon is mercifully no longer required. Compassion and the ability to offer sound advice are also desirable qualities, particularly in isolated communities where counselling services may be practically non-existent.

A would-be priest or minister needs also to be blessed with intelligence, as he will have to cope with a demanding course of training, and resilience, since his faith will be subjected to every kind of pressure in this modern age. It is not a career for the fainthearted.

If you believe that the ministry is definitely for you, the first step is usually to approach your parish priest or local minister who can offer advice and will refer you to the appropriate person or authority. Alternatively, you can approach the body which handles recruitment directly, which – in the case of the Anglican Church – is the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry.

You will be subjected to interviews and assessments to discover whether you have the right qualities for work of this nature. If everyone is satisfied, you are then recommended for a particular type of training, the length of which is usually dependent on age.

For example, the Church of England would normally expect anyone under 30 without a degree in Theology to take a three-year course of study. If you are in your 30s, a two-year full-time course is generally prescribed, although there may be the option of studying part-time for a longer period.

More mature candidates for the ministry would normally undergo up to two years' training before being presented for ordination.

Once you have obtained the prescribed qualification, most churches will require you to serve an "apprenticeship" as a curate or assistant priest in a parish. Once you have passed this hurdle successfully, you can either continue with parish work or specialize in another area.

Chaplains, for instance, seem to be much in demand whether in the armed forces, prisons or education. A former colleague of mine with a background in education opted for the latter course by becoming a school chaplain in matters both spiritual and intellectual.

This decison has suited his temperament and talents admirably. Others with a background in industry opt to become industrial chaplains either on a full-time basis or in addition to their parish duties.

If you yearn for foreign climes, there should be plenty of opportunities overseas, since virtually all the churches operate world-wide. You might decide to enlist with a missionary society and follow in the footsteps of Noel Coward's Uncle Harry, or minister to an expatriate community in some far off land – work which is every bit as challenging as dealing with a large inner city parish.

Few priests have the luxury of a nine-to-five day. Apart from Sunday work there is usually plenty to do in the evenings: meetings to attend, people to counsel, emergencies to deal with. An embassy chaplain once told me that at every social function he attended there

You are not escaping from worldly matters

was at least one person who took him aside to ask for advice. A priest, it seems, is always on call.

This total commitment has implications for the priest's family, if he has one. A vicar's wife often has to take on the role of unpaid assistant, answering telephone calls when her husband is out, dealing with callers, motivating women's groups within the parish, etc. Not every woman finds she is able to adapt easily to this role, especially if her husband has opted for the priesthood after years in some other profession.

Joining the ministry is not a decison to be taken lightly, since it is not so much a profession as a way of life. While the importance of the priesthood may have diminished with the increasing secularization of society, nevertheless the clergy are still looked upon as leaders within their respective communities.

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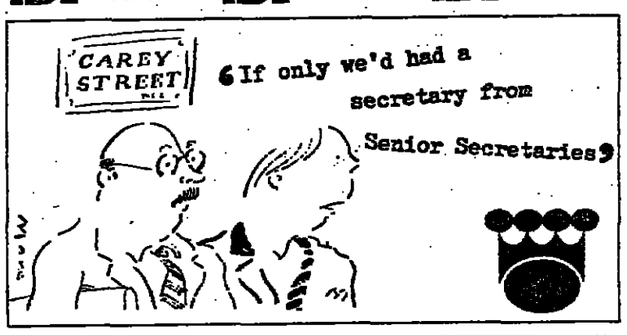

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RUGBY UNION

Forward menace brings Newport victory after a walk on the wild side

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

London Welsh 22
Newport 28

The skies over Old Deer Park may not be quite so cloudy as they were last season or, indeed, earlier this season but London Welsh resources remain slimmer than of yore. Understandably they are peeved at the loss, yet again, of the immensely promising back-row forward, Russell, though not all their members agree with his complaint (based on a video recording) to Moseley, opponents a fortnight ago, at the way he was injured.

But you could not have wished for a more wholehearted display from Saturday's team in a fixture which, last season, attracted much adverse publicity when three players were sent off. Newport, too, when they put their minds to it, responded with some attractive rugby and deserved — but only just — victory by two goals, a try, two penalty goals and two dropped goals to two goals, a try and two penalties.

Newport are a team of light and shade; they have some fine footballers, notably Turner and Howells, and two useful wings. Yet they frequently prefer the forward rumble, with all the menace implicit in the song of the same name from *West Side Story*. At the same time their backs, with Batten a notable offender, tend to live in their opponents' pockets and, with the best will in the world, no referee who is preoccupied with two knowledgeable sets of forwards can watch for offside behind him.

For an hour Newport dominated the game. They cleaned up in the lineout through Waters and Perry (Derek Quinnell, a Welsh selector, was watching and doubtless had his country's problems at lock forward in mind), they put the Exiles' scrum under pressure and won some decent loose ball. Howells made two delightful breaks and Turner is always a slippery handful, yet for the life of them Newport could not string together two telling passes and a desperate Welsh cover clung on with commendable tenacity.

The Welsh led 15-10 at the interval and trailed only by a point going into the final quarter. Their two tries both stemmed from lineout ball won by Rodliffe, the first scored by the lock himself after excellent inter-passing by the forwards, the second by Ford after John Price, an interesting recruit from the Uxbridge club, was held up on the line.

Newport sent Morgan barrelling over from a tapped penalty and Turner scissored with Jonathan Callard to give his side the lead just after the interval.

The match was turned on its head when Llewellyn suddenly began to win all the lineouts and the Welsh attacked from everywhere. Newport kept them out, thanks to Turner's use of the strong wind and, as so often happens, the side throwing everything into offence conceded the try when Nigel Callard nipped round an undefended blind side and chipped for White, who chased and harried over 70 metres for the try.

Keating had the final word but in a game that was so close, Russell's height at the lineout and sheer physical presence in the loose might have tipped the scales towards the Welsh, for whom Colyn Price passed 100 points for the season.

Sadly Russell, having missed nearly all of last season, is to see a specialist on Friday after an operation for a detached retina which, it has been alleged, was caused by a punch.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: Rodliffe, Ford, Keating. Conversions: C Price (2). Penalties: C Price (2). Newport: Tries: Morgan, Turner, White. Conversions: Turner (2). Penalties: Turner (2). Dropped goals: Goult, N Callard.
LONDON WELSH: J Price; K Noble, H Evans, G Laleu, S Pill; C Price (capt), M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, J Davies, D Keating, G Llewellyn, S Rodliffe, J Evans, J Ford.
NEWPORT: P Goult; M Batten, J Callard, G Howells, J White; P Turner, N Callard; J Rawlings, M Watkins (capt), R Morgan, G George, R Young, A Perry, R Powell, C Waters.
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Marcus Rose, of Harlequins, who will be out for three weeks with a shoulder injury. Harlequins also lost Harriman as their win over Cambridge University on Saturday took its toll

Blackheath the pick of the pack

While Leicester were pushing Moseley further down John Smith's merit table A and Waterloo were confirming their status at the top of merit table B on Saturday, **Blackheath's** remarkable 21-9 defeat of Neath, leaders of the unofficial Welsh championship, dominated the club results (David Hands writes).

The Welsh are not always the best of travellers but Neath's record this season, even without Jonathan Davies and Thorburn, suggested they would have too much in hand for the club whose record could best be described as patchy. But Ian Anderson, the lock, scored two tries in the second half and Blackheath, riding the wind, won by three goals and a penalty to two penalties and a drop goal.

Davies came on as a replacement for the injured Laity but his presence made no significant difference to a team whose thoughts may have been on next Saturday's encounter with Bath. It is a victory for Blackheath, whose third try came from Osbourne, to build on; they have, after all, awkward opponents themselves next weekend in Coventry.

Some of the gloss was removed from Leicester's 22-6 win over Moseley by an injury to Tebbutt, their flanker, who has ligament trouble and must wear a plaster cast for the next week. But the Midland divisional selectors must have been tearing their hair at the sight of Hare's touch kicking which, with that of Cusworth and Dodge, kept Moseley at bay and paved the way for two tries by Richards, both from lineouts. The selectors have asked Nottingham to play Hodgkinson at full back rather than stand-off half in an attempt to clarify matters.

Rosslyn Park's satisfaction at scoring the only try of the match will have been muted after Aitchison kicked four penalties for Waterloo who won 12-6 at Blundellsands. Offiah, from the right wing, was the try-scorer and he had several other runs *which went close*, yet Waterloo maintain their 100 per cent merit table record

● The other merit table B match was between **Roundhay**, who are languishing at the moment, and **Northern**, recently promoted to the northern merit table (Michael Stevenson writes).

Roundhay won the toss and conceded wind advantage. They only trailed 3-0 at half-time, through Green's penalty, so Roundhay must have fancied their chances; but tries by Hughes (2), the second being converted by Green, saw Northern safely home (13-9) despite a spirited rally by the losers that brought a try by Walker and a conversion and penalty by Brown.

Foster gets marching orders

By Gerald Davies

Swansea 15
Richmond.................... 12

The wind, with a bitterly damp edge to it, blew from the Mumbles end. Clouds loomed, rain and hailstones threatened. It was not the kind of day to be out in for long. One Swansea player did not. Foster, having once been warned early in the second half was given his marching orders soon afterwards for kicking an opponent.

Moriarty could consider himself lucky to have stayed the full distance. As a result of his attentions, Chris Mills had to leave the field early on in the game to be replaced by Phil Williams at prop. Apart from these three incidents it was a clean game which Swansea, somehow gritting their teeth, won by two goals and a penalty to four of Simon Smith's penalties.

The home team had their backs to the wall in the first half. They had the wind advantage and although they turned around in the lead, they had surprisingly spent most of the time in defence. It was Richmond who had added a touch of colour.

If the scrummage was an unsatisfactory affair, with too many of them dropped uncomfortably, they were swift elsewhere to get the possession. Sole, Vyvyan and Kemmingham together had such a good first half that Swansea had very little room to manoeuvre. Cullen at scrum-half had a lovely game: so quick and sure in his passing. Smith, at the end of that service, varied his game at his ease.

They were a wonderful pair to watch; England have such a choice in these positions nowadays. Williams and Clement, their opposite numbers, had their moments but, with eight of their regular players missing, there was not the same consistent cohesion around them.

Wyatt kicked a penalty and Smith had kicked two of his own before Swansea, in an attempt to get a reasonable score by half-time, got a couple of sudden tries. The first, after Taylor had forced his way through the middle from Clement's reverse pass, went to Williams as he emerged from the maul close to Richmond's line.

The other came from a short penalty with Williams acting in the pivot role, dummying twice before giving the ball finally to Moriarty who sliced through on a diagonal run to the posts. Wyatt converted both of these.

Smith added another penalty before half-time and kicked one more just after the interval. With the wind in their favour and Swansea reduced to 14 men, Richmond, if they could play anything like the way they had in the first half, seemed destined to win. The home team however, somehow stuck it out to leave Richmond to ponder why it was that such a chance to win on Welsh soil had been allowed to go astray.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: A Williams, Moriarty. Conversions: Wyatt (2). Penalty: Wyatt. Richmond: Penalties: S Smith (4).
SWANSEA: M Wyatt (capt); R Bevan, S Parfitt, B Taylor, A Emyr; T Clement, A Williams; S Foster, D Roberts, D Young, P Moriarty, I Brown, J Williams, G Pherrian, A Hopkins.
RICHMOND: A Hampel (capt); S Pennock, R Holman, R Taylor, S Allum; S Smith, J Cullen; C Mills (rep: P Williams) P Combe, J Thorn, D Sole, M Slagter, D Cooper, D Kenningham, C Vyvyan.
Referee: L J Peard (Castleton).

Harlequins feel the scars of victory

By Gordon Allan

Harlequins 23
Cambridge University ... 0

Harlequins repulsed their second university challenge in a week when they beat Cambridge by two goals, two tries and a *penalty goal at the Stoop ground* on Saturday. Injuries clouded the afternoon for both sides, already short of leading players.

In the last five minutes Rose, the Harlequins full back, went off with a sprung left shoulder and may be out of action for three weeks. Harriman, their right wing, damaged an elbow at the same time. Earlier, Withyman, the Cambridge No 8 who had not played since the university match in December, pulled a hamstring and was replaced by an Australian called David Livingstone.

Withyman should be able to play against Steele-Bodger's team on Wednesday. Four others whose skill and experience Cambridge can ill afford to be without — Thomas, Oti, Cushing and Herrod — are expected to return for that game.

Despite the score Cambridge defended well, and their forwards were *anything but out*played. Wainwright, the boxing Blue, was the most ubiquitous man on the park. In the ring he must be as hard to pin down as Muhammad Ali once was. The backs made little impression.

Playing downwind, Harlequins scored 13 points in the first half and would have scored more with better passing to the wings. Rose appeared in the centre to score the first try and Davies zigzagged through for the second, with Cambridge probably expecting the whistle for an apparent knock-on.

Tries by Olver and Langhorn at the start of the second half prevented any Cambridge revival. Langhorn, taking time out from the second row, overlapped on the left wing as to the manor born.

The referee, Bob Jenkins, used to be a Wimbledon umpire and once had a row with John McEnroe. To be sure, there was plenty of talking on Saturday, but it was all harmless.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Rose, Davies, Olver, Langhorn. Conversions: Rose (2). Penalty: Rose.
HARLEQUINS: M Rose (rep: R Glenister), A Harriman (rep: S Miller), J Salmon, C Smith, E Davies, M Fletcher, D Loveridge, J Kingston, J Olver, M Hobley, M Blanchard, W Stileman, R Langhorn, D Cooke, E Weekes.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P Beard (Berkhamsted and St John's), I McFarlane (Lancaster RGS and Clare), *K Wyles (Wymondham and Trinity Hall), *F Clough (St John Rigby and Magdalene), T Isaac (Welbeck and Churchill), M Pyrgos (Wenslow and Magdalene), A MacLeod (Strathallan and Downing), J Freeman (Warwick and St Johns), B Gilchrist (Sevenoaks and Magdalene), N Hunt (Hutton GS and Selwyn), *S Kelly (Richard Hulsh and Corpus Christi), N Topping (High Wycombe RGS and St John's), A Hobbs (Worth and Magdalene), R Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), *T Withyman (Spalding GS and Emmanuel) (Rep D Livingston (St Aloysius Sydney and Jesus).
Referee: R Jenkins (London). *Blue.

The inspirations behind Yorkshire's success

By Michael Stevenson

Yorkshire 37
Durham 10

Perhaps we are witnessing the death throes of the County Championship. Nevertheless, the way that Yorkshire have played in recent years and especially, this winter, and on Saturday, have significance in a broader context.

Their principle inspirations are the two Peters, Winterbottom and Buckton. Both believe that the ball should be kept alive and the movement's pace maintained. Against Durham, Buckton had moved to No 8, to make room for Tipping, whose power and formidable workrate revitalized the Yorkshire pack but the back-row *functioned superbly* as a unit and outplayed the opposition. Yorkshire's victory and with it the Thorn-EMI Northern Group Championship, was by two goals, four tries and three penalties to a goal and a try.

Durham, comprehensively outgunned forward, still tackled wonderfully well, contributed some notable back play and, in Hackney and Carling possess *two* promising young backs.

It was Carling who helped to earn Durham an early lead. He created an overlap from which the speedy Cooke scored; Adamson's two penalties and conversion of Harrison's try, largely created by Tipping and Winterbottom, accounted for Yorkshire's 12-4 interval lead.

Just before half-time, Carling had gone off injured to be replaced by S Havery (Gateshead Fell) and Durham missed him sorely, competently, though his replacement performed. Adamson's third penalty and a try by the ubiquitous Buckton put Yorkshire realistically out of reach*before Bentley* ran in two thundering tries. He then left the field injured to be replaced by M Waddington, also of Otley, who himself scored at once.

Hackney's glorious individual try for Durham followed. Harmes converted, but Yorkshire's masterminds engineered the peroratian, when Winterbottom made a try, deep in injury-time, for Buckton.

SCORERS: Yorkshire: Tries: Harrison, Buckton (2), Bentley (2), Waddington. Conversions: Adamson (2). Penalties: Adamson (3). Durham: Tries: Cooke, Hackney. Conversion: Harmes.

YORKSHIRE: P Grey (Roundhay); M Harrison (Wakefield, capt), J Bentley (Otley), R Booth (Harrogate), R Adamson (Wakefield); S Townend (Wakefield), D Holmes (Sheffield); M Whitcombe (Bedford), P Sellar, A Rice (both Hull & ER), S Tipping (Sale), G Thompson (Roundhay), D Baldwin (Wakefield), P Winterbottom (Headingley), P Buckton (Orrell).

DURHAM: S Harmes (Durham City); S Hackney (W Hartlepool), W Carling (Durham Univ), F Short (W Hartlepool), D Cooke (Middlesbrough); J Stabler (W Hartlepool), S Kirkup (Durham City); P Lancaster (W Hartlepool), M Fenwick (Durham City), A Mullins (Durham Univ), B Hodder, J Dixon, D Mitchell (W Hartlepool), M Howard (Durham City, capt), G Dinsdale (Hartlepool Rovers).
Referee: G Davies (Liverpool Soc).

Cornwall defy elements to reach last four

Inspired by Tony Cook and Robert Mankee, Cornwall defied the wind and wet to deservedly beat **Gloucestershire** 6-0 and reach the Thorn EMI county championship semi-finals for the first time in 17 years.

Cook and Mankee controlled the fierce forward exchanges to emerge victorious through two penalties by Henderson and join Yorkshire, North Midlands and Middlesex in Friday's draw.

It was largely a good day for the south-west as **Devon** regained their status in the first division of their group with a 13-9 win over **Buckinghamshire**, although their celebrations were tempered by having White, a lock forward, sent off for punching an opponent by Rev Parker, a refereeing chaplain from Shropshire.

Somerset however were given a fright by **Berkshire** before Simmonds scored his second try in injury time by breaking through three tackles on the wing, to wrap up a 19-7 win and ensure that Somerset stay in the first division.

The northern group matches were marked by stirring second half displays as **Lancashire** relied on a final try by Jeffrey to halt spirited **Cumbria** 21-18, while Dunn and Marwick scored splendid tries for **Northumberland** *as they came from* behind to beat **Cheshire** 14-9.

In the south division, two tries by Atkins on the wing in an eight-minute burst emphasized **Hampshire's** superiority in every department as they crushed **Sussex** 30-4.

Oxford the likely lads

By a Correspondent

London Scottish 21
Oxford University 3

Oxford University lost their last game against first-class opposition before the University match, but need not feel too downhearted. They have displayed enough all-round talent this season to suggest that a second successive win over Cambridge is likely.

London Scottish won by a goal, three tries and a penalty goal to a penalty goal but were never in complete control against an Oxford side missing its two most influential forwards. Coll MacDonald and the captain, Simon Griffin, are both expected to play at Twickenham, however; Griffin will test his injured hip against the Oxford Old Boys on Saturday.

With neither side making use of their threequarters it was a surprise to reach the interval *with as many as 11 points on the* scoreboard. Patterson-Brown and the nimble McKay scored tries for Scottish, Risman replying with a penalty.

Thankfully, both sides gave their backs a chance to impress in the second half. An exciting Oxford move ended with Duthie just failing to gather Risman's pass as a try seemed certain, before Colin Campbell, a replacement for the injured Scottish wing, Batten, took Searle's neat pass to score in the corner. An Irvine penalty widened the margin to 12 points. Five minutes from time Macklin's pick-up sent McKay over for his second try.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Tries: Patterson-Brown, McKay (2), Campbell. Conversion: Irvine. Penalty: Irvine. Oxford University: Penalty: Risman.
LONDON SCOTTISH: S Irvine; L Battan (rep: C Campbell), D Caskie, D Bruce-Lockhart, T Patterson-Brown; N Chesworth, A McKay; N Weir, I Kirk, J Reid, I Morrison, J Campbell-Lamerton, A Rhodes, J Searle, J Macklin (capt).
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *J Risman (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall); *R Vessey (Magdalene College School and Green, capt), *R Rydon (Sherborne and Pembroke), A Duthie (Australian National University and Balliol), I McDonald (Cheadle Hulme and Exeter) (rep: S Dinnen, Aylesbury GS and Keble); *A Johnson (Radley and St Catherine's), *S Roberts (Magdalene College School and Exeter); *T Willis (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), J Chislett (Plymouth College and Keble), S Ferguson (Royal Belfast Academy and St Edmund Hall), W Calcraft (Scots College, Sydney and Brasenose), *C Crane (Pontypool College and St Edmund Hall), D Thresher (Sevenoaks and Worcester), A Rolfe (Eton and St Edmund Hall), N McBain (Ampleforth and St Anne's).
Referee: N Cousins (The London Society).
* denotes a Blue

ICE SKATING

Fitness handicap may be Powell's only shortcoming

By John Hennessy

A dark horse promises to add an unexpected dimension to the British women's figure skating championship at Solihull from today until Wednesday. She is Rebecca Powell, aged 18, from Sheffield, who has followed her trainer, Carole Bartlam, from Sheffield to, it so happens, Solihull for tuition.

Miss Powell would not presume to challenge Joanne Conway for her title, but her recent success in a National Skating Association gold test points to her as a competitor of class. So far as *records immediately* available can tell she is the first skater of either sex to gain this distinction for some years.

Miss Powell has taken part in a British championship once previously, in 1984, when she finished eighth. Last year, unfortunately, she was injured on the eve of the event and has been unable to take part in any competition since. She is therefore far from match-fit, which might explain the modesty of Miss Bartlam's *expressed* ambition on her behalf of a place in the top six this week.

That may well serve for public consumption but deep down I would expect the trainer to have an eye on a medal, perhaps even on the second place open to Britain in the European championships in February. The absence of a reliable triple jump would be a handicap at Sarajevo, but it does not necessarily ruin Miss Powell's prospects on a more humble stage this week.

The first place, clearly, beckons to Miss Conway, for all her *inability to follow up in senior* competition so far her dazzling success in the British championship last year at the age of only 14.

There is, encouragingly, a larger field than usual for the men's title, 10 in all, with Paul Robinson, of Blackpool and Billingham, hoping at last to take the gold medal after four second places. Ashley Moore, of Sunderland, is an interesting convert from the roller rink, where he was three times British champion.

ATHLETICS

Wilson's plans for Budd

Zola Budd's commitment "to become properly British" is the biggest factor behind Harry Wilson's decision to take over the guidance of her remarkable athletics career.

Steve Ovett's long time mentor, Wilson will begin coaching the 20-year-old middle distance runner when she returns from South Africa in January.

Budd's decision to live permanently in Guildford and to begin studying in an attempt to win a place at a British university, decisively influenced one of this country's most experienced coaches. He said: "To be honest I wasn't too happy at the way Zola was so quickly assimilated into the British set-up and the fact she didn't seem able to make up her mind where she wanted to live."

Budd's career has been surrounded by controversy ever since she was granted an instant passport in the summer of the 1984 Olympics, and the South African-born runner was banned from England's Commonwealth Games team earlier this year because she had not spent enough time in this country.

Her link-up with Wilson was arranged when Andy Norman, British athletics' promotions officer, flew to Bloemfontein earlier this week. Peter Labuschagne, the schoolteacher *who has so far guided Budd's* career, is staying in South Africa to continue his academic career.

Wilson, who began coaching Ovett 15 years ago, said: "I have got to find out a lot more about her strengths and weaknesses."He is convinced that Budd must be encouraged to mix more with other athletes. She has been accused of being aloof from her British team colleagues but Wilson said: "I have insisted that she becomes part of the group of people I train at Crystal Palace every Saturday afternoon, and I think that will do her a lot of good."

GOLF

Norman wins with late charge

Perth (AFP) — Greg Norman shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to win the Western Australian Open by one stroke from Terry Gale.

Gale, the overnight leader, faltered on the final hole, where he needed a birdie to tie with Norman and force a play-off. His crucial putt failed and allowed Norman to retain his slender lead.

Norman, who had begun the £46,000 tournament unimpressively, finished on 276, 12-under-par on the Lake Karrinyup Country Club course. The British Open champion shot a blistering third round 66 to go with his opening round of level par 72 and second-round 70.

SCORES: (Australian unless stated): 276: G Norman, 72, 70, 66, 68. 277: T Gale, 68, 70, 68, 71; 283: P Senior, 64, 75, 70, 74. 285: M O'Meara (US), 75, 71, 73, 66; L Stephen, 76, 71, 69, 69. 287: D Smith, 70, 70, 73, 74; O Moore, 69, 70, 77, 71. 289: J Crow, 79, 72, 75, 73. 291: D Talbot (Can), 67, 79, 70, 75. 292: R Gilkey (US), 74, 74, 72, 72. 293: M Persson (Swe), 72, 76, 73, 72; M Cole (Can), 73, 74, 72, 74. 296: S Harper (Can), 73, 76, 75, 72. 297: T Price (GB), 75, 71, 76, 75. 301: D Lacuyer (Can), 75, 74, 79, 73. 303: M Colandro (US), 76, 71, 81, 75.

● Bobby Wadkins, of the United States, fired a four-under-par final round of 68 to snatch victory in the Dunlop Phoenix tournament at Miyazaki, Japan yesterday. Wadkins returned a four-round total of 277, 11-under-par on the difficult 7,033-yard, par-72 Phoenix Country Club course.

Wadkins sewed up the title on the final hole with a birdie, while the joint-leader Graham Marsh, of Australia, could only manage par.

SCORES: (Japanese unless stated): 277: R Wadkins (US), 69, 73, 67, 68. 278: G Marsh (Aus), 67, 73, 68, 70. 280: T Nakajima, 67, 70, 69, 74. 281: I Aoki, 72, 69, 71, 69. 283: M Ozaki, 69, 71, 69, 74. 284: A Bean (US), 69, 71, 72, 72. 285: K Green (US), 73, 71, 72, 69. 286: K Arai, 67, 71, 73, 75. 287: T Kite (US), 75, 71, 71, 70. 288: D Tewell (US), 67, 73, 74, 74; R Tway (US), 73, 72, 68, 75. 289: L Mize (US), 72, 72, 71, 74; S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 73, 72, 74; H Ishii, 71, 74, 69, 75.

ROWING

Into uncharted waters

By Jim Railton

The Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) Council in London on Saturday took a big step forward by voting through next year's budget of £375,000 and, in doing so, the approval in principle of a registration scheme. But these issues were not without opposition in a somewhat bizarre, truncated, council meeting.

Apart from the privileged fourth estate and the ARA executives, the detailed budget proposals had not been received by most councillors, although the outline budget had been widely-circulated weeks before. It took up almost half an hour of the committee's limited time for copies to be produced.

Fortunately, the ARA treasurer, Ivan Pratt, was able to guide councillors skilfully through this potential minefield and the budget was approved by 18 votes to seven. But the budget estimate is to be financed largely by a system of registration and this was pushed through with 14 councillors for and nine against.

Henley's chief, Peter Coni, had to remind colleagues that the budget had to be approved, otherwise the Sports Council grant could simply evaporate. The president, Neil Thomas, almost scythed down counter-proposals and amendments as many looked game for an all-night sitting.

But the president's eye had to be on the clock and, in any case, there was a guillotine in the form of the caretaker. No doubt some councillors are still scratching their heads over the implications.

While the system of registration is the way forward, further consideration has to be given to the cost to beginners in the sport and student contributions. There needs to be some more clear thinking on how registration will be effected across the board in the sport. But the ARA's Saturday meeting was, despite its almost complex and bizarre moments, a necessary quick step in the right direction.

JUDO

Gordon averts a British whitewash

Clever defence tactics and two well-taken victories put Orleans 2-1 ahead of Wolverhampton inthe first leg of the two-match final of the European club team championships in the Compton Park Activity Centre, Wolverhampton, on Saturday (Nicolas Soames writes).

Only Wolverhampton's heavyweight, Elvis Gordon, fighting last of all, managed to spare a whitewash in his contest by aggressively taking hold of the tall Frenchman, Laurens Del Colombo, and, after running him around the mat, exploded into a valley drop throw that completely pancaked his opponent. Del Colombo hobbled off the mat with difficulty.

Gordon's effort means Wolverhampton do not have an impossible task in the return on November 29, but it will be difficult. For despite the 2-1 score, each member of the British team fought intelligently and with spirit — and still they could not win.

MOTOR SPORT

Wallace gains second straight Macau victory

Macau (AFP) — Andy Wallace, of Britain, won his second successive Macau formula three Grand Prix yesterday, finishing first in both 15-lap legs over the 3.8 mile Guia circuit. The British champion, driving a Reynard 863 VW, clocked 1hr 12min 31.19sec for the 30 laps.

Starting the second stage of the two-leg race from pole position, Wallace led from the start and was never seriously challenged.

Last year's winner, Mauricio Gugelmin of Brazil, driving a Ralt RT, was second in 1hr 12min 36.3sec with the Dutchman, Jan Lammers, also in a Ralt, third in 1hr 12min 37.1sec.

● Britain's Ron Haslam fought off a desperate challenge by Didier de Radigues, of Belgium, to win the Macao motor cycle grand prix for a fifth time. Third was Randy Renfrow, United States, with Eero Hyvarinen, of Finland, fourth. Kenny Irons, of Britain, fifth and a Swedish air force pilot, Peter Linden, sixth.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Berkshire	7	Somerset	19
Bucks	9	Devon	13
Cornwall	6	Gloucestershire	0
Dorset and Wilts	34	Oxfordshire	0
Hampshire	30	Sussex	4
Lancashire	21	Cumbria	18
Northumberland	14	Cheshire	9
Yorkshire	37	Durham	10

DIVISIONAL TABLES

Northern Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	5	5	0	0	154	51	10
Lancashire	5	4	0	1	87	95	8
Durham	5	3	0	2	139	75	6
Cumbria	5	1	1	3	58	88	3
N'humberl'd	5	1	0	4	44	111	2
Cheshire	5	0	1	4	47	107	1

South-West First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cornwall	3	3	0	0	44	15	6
Somerset	3	2	0	1	36	37	4
Gloucester	3	1	0	2	57	22	2
Berkshire	3	0	0	3	21	84	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devon	3	3	0	0	75	37	6
Dorset/Wilts	3	2	1	0	59	16	4
Bucks	2	0	2	0	9	25	0
Oxfordshire	2	0	2	0	15	80	0

London Division Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Herts	4	4	0	0	83	32	8
Hampshire	4	2	2	0	63	55	4
Sussex	4	0	4	0	28	87	0

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

Leicester	22	Moseley	6

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

Waterloo	12	Rosslyn Park	6

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	20	Pontypool	10
Bedford	7	Coventry	15
Blackheath	21	Neath	9
Cardiff	16	Llanelli	16
Durham City	4	Sheffield	15
Ebbw Vale	22	Northampton	13
Gosforth	25	Bradford	9
Halifax	14	Sale	0
Harlequins	23	Cambridge Unvy	0
Headingley	22	Harrogate	9
Kendal	12	W Hartlepool	16
Lpool St	37	Huddersfield	3
London Irish	8	Gloucester	24
London Scottish	21	Oxford Unvy	3
London Welsh	22	Newport	28
Newbridge	12	Bridgend	15
New Brighton	5	Vale of Lune	12
Nottingham	58	Birmingham	0
Nuneaton	3	Stroud	3
Orrell	34	Chester	6
Roundhay	9	Northern	13
Rugby	36	Oxford	3
Saracens	28	Abertillery	0
S Wales Police	3	Bristol	13
Swansea	15	Richmond	12
Tredegar	3	Maesteg	17
Wasps	40	Met Police	12
Pontypridd	10	Penarth	9

Cancelled: Cross Keys v Glamorgan Wanderers.

McEWANS SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Boroughmuir	3	Melrose	13
Edinburgh A	13	Selkirk	9
Gala	3	Kelso	39
Glasgow Acads	4	Stewarts Mel FP	3
Hawick	23	Ayr	3
Jed-Forest	9	W of Scotland	9
Watsonians	19	Heriot's FP	19

LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST: Aldermaston 10, Portsmouth 20; Alton 25, Andover 3; Antlers 3, Old Pelhamians 26; Aylesbury 9, Stockwood Park 31; Bank of England 41, British Airways 4; Barking 6, Woodford 13; Beaconsfield 30, Old Abbotstonians 0; Bec OB 3, Old Wimbledonians 6; Bedford Ath 28, Old Verulamians 4; Bexley 0, Thames Polytechnic 8; Bishop's Stortford 19, Old Cantabrigians 3; Bracknell 38, Winchester 3; Buckingham 4, Oxford Marathon 6; Camberley 12, Salisbury 9; Cambridge University LX Club 4, Leighton Buzzard 29; Canterbury 6, Snowdon CW 12; Charing Cross and Westminster Hosp 22, Cranleigh 19; Chelmsford 3, Eton Manor 10; Chiltern 9, Harpenden 7; Colchester 51, Diss 7; Dorchester 27, Bournemouth 7; Dorking 20, Windsor 0; Ealing 24, Bacavians 6; Eastleigh 4, Basingstoke 22; Effingham 7, Lensbury 13; Erith 12, Old Elthamians 3; Esher 0, Streatham Croydon 11; Esso, Fawley 8, Swanage and Wareham 7; Fareham Heathens 9, Bognor 9; Fulkestone 28, Thanet Wanderers 12; Grasshoppers 17, Old Reedonians 3; Gravesend 9, Thurrock 28; Harrow 16, Old Kingsburians 13; Harwell 0, Chinnor 28; Henley 14, Gordon League 3; Hertford 7, Norwich 11; Ipswich 44, Bury St Edmunds 0; IOW 22, Sandown and Shanklin 8; KCS OB 10, Raynes Park 16; Lloyds Bank 3, Old Juddians 23; Maidstone 58, Beckenham 0; Merton 17, LFB 4; Metropolitan Police No 4 Dist 10; Orpington 8; National Westminster Bank 7, Brighton 32; Newbold-on-Avon 9, Saffron Walden 3; Newmarket 12, Woodbridge 3; Old Alleynians 32, Old Tiffinians 6; Old Beccehamians 25, Civil Service 0; Old Blues 21, Wimbledon 6; Old Brockleians 22, Betteshanger CW 17; Old Caterhamians 0 St Francis 0; Old Cranleighans 0, Old Haberdashers 13; Old *Edwardians, Romford 26, Bancroft 0; Old* Elizabethans, Barnet 22, Dunstablians 0; Old Epsomians 4, Old Reigatians 15; Old Gaytonians 9 Cheshunt 6; Old Griffins 12, Gillingham Anchorians 13; Old Haileyburians 42, Oxted 0; Old Johnians 18, Kingston 16; Old Isleworthians 10, Upminster 4; Old Meadonians 18, Old Hamptonians 3; Old Palmerians 0, Campion 18; Old Ruttishians 39, Old Surbitonians 4; Old Shootershillians 13, Brentwood 12; Old Wandsworthians 4, Old Guildfordians 22; Old Westcliffians 10, Ilford Wanderers 3; Old Whitgiftians 0, Askeans 76; Olney 0, Long Buckby 22; Orleans FP 46, Reigate 9; OMT 28, Oxford OB 6; Park House 3, Old Colfeians 17; Pennanians 7, Drifters 9; Petersfield 7, Chichester 14; Phoenix 8, Farnham 15; PLA 19, Harringey 3; Purley 28, Staines 3; REME Arborfield 61, Wheatley 3; Ruislip 12, Abbey 3; Shirley Wanderers 24, Crowborough 4; Slough 9, Marlow 9; Southend Priors 28, May and Baker 3; Stevenage 3, Hitchin 3; Sudbury Court 4, Barclays Bank 7; Sutton & Epsom 16, Fullerians 6; University Vandals 20, Centaurs 13; Uxbridge 9, Welwyn 6; Warlingham 4, Dartfordians 20; Wellingborough 0, Biggleswade 3, Westcombe Park 23, Sevenoaks 12.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: *Sidcup 9, Southend 31.*

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Havant 19, Guildford and Godalming 3; Trojans 0, High Wycombe 21.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cambridge 0, West Norfolk 14; *Harlow 35, Metropolitan Police Chigwell 0.*

HUNTING GATES HERTS MERIT TABLE: Barnet 21, Hemel Hempstead 6; Old Albanians 14, Letchworth 7.

RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Dover 37, Medway 12; Charlton Park 15, Tunbridge Wells 18; Vigo 13, Sheppey 6.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Hendon 11, Finchley 7; Twickenham 13, Hampstead 9.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Burgess Hill 12, Seaford 3; Worthing 25, *Eastbourne* 7.

TRUMAN OLD BOYS MERIT TABLE: Old Cooperians 23, Old Bealonians 6; Old Walcountians 25, Old Emanuel 20.

NORTH: Aspull 3, Vickers 11; Birkenhead Park 10, Morley 4; Broughton Park 20, Otley 10; Colne & Nelson 4, Eagle 23; Crewe and Nantwich 16, Bowdon 4; Crossleyians 52, Oldham 4; De la Salle 7, Rochdale 14; Eccles 20, Sefton 0; Halifax Vandals 0, Burnage 18; Hull and East Riding 0, Hartlepool Rovers 0; Leek 31, Ashton-under-Lyne 0; Lymm 17, Wharfedale 4; Manchester University 23, Heaton Moor 3; Moore 13, Halton 4; Newton le Willows 6, Mid-Cheshire College 15; Old Instonians 17, Hoylake 9; Preston Grasshoppers 22, Stoke-on-Trent 3; Ripon 19, Keighley 0; Rhyl 32, Ruskin Park 3; Southport 19, Ormskirk 4; Stourbridge 12, Manchester 6; Toc H 15, North Manchester 3; West Park 24, Wrexham 22; Wigan 12, Sedgley Park 13, Winnington Park 29, Macclesfield 9.

GIROBANK LEAGUE: North West: First *division:* Widnes 14, Wigton 0. Second *division:* Netherhall 3, Workington 7; Warrington 10, Carlisle 15.

WEST: Bridgwater 14, US Portsmouth 3; Paignton 10, Barnstaple 9; Tiverton 37, Falmouth 8; Wellington 7, Honiton 8; Helston 10, London Cornish 18.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Weston-super-Mare 6, St Ives 9; Taunton 3, Torquay 3.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Crediton 28, Newton Abbot 6; Sidmouth 9, Devon & Cornwall Police 6.

IRISH INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Ulster 14, Leinster 12; Munster 9, Connacht 11.

Final championship table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ulster	3	3	0	0	68	24	6
Leinster	3	2	0	1	68	23	4
Connacht	3	1	0	2	23	67	2
Munster	3	0	0	3	16	43	0

CLUB MATCHES: Queen's University 23, Old Belvedere 3; Malone 0, Ards 15; Instonians 28, City of Derry 9; CIYMS 12, Academy 4; Portadown 11, Waterpark 8; Dungannon 12, Coleraine 3; Ballymena 22, Armagh 6; Collegians 13, Old Wesley 10.

Yesterday

TOUR MATCH: Lansdowne 41, Fiji Barbarians 3.

RACING: BRITTAIN'S STALWART BREAKS COURSE RECORD IN MEMORABLE JAPAN CUP VICTORY

Jupiter Island signs off with Tokyo triumph

By Robert Carter

Jupiter Island, partnered by Pat Eddery, brought his career to a fitting climax with a record-breaking triumph in the £382,775 Japan Cup in Tokyo yesterday.

He won by a head from Allez Milord after a dour battle in the final furlong during which the pair touched twice. Greville Starkey wanted to object but, under Japanese rules, all inquiries must be initiated by the stewards. They viewed the head-on film and decided that no action was required.

Starkey left the course in a hurry to catch his plane home but Geoff Lawson, representing Guy Harwood, said: "No complaints. They did get close but it was a case of six of one and half a dozen of the other."

He sportingly added: "If we did have to get beaten, I'm glad it was Clive Brittain's horse that managed it. He was very helpful earlier in the week when Allez Milord had trouble with his knee."

The free-running Allez Milord had raced in second, behind the pacesetting Kushiro King, from the start. He drew alongside the leader approaching the straight where Jupiter Island had moved up close behind, having been towards the rear until the final turn.

Allez Milord hit the front over one furlong out, pressed by Jupiter Island, and rolled off a true line under pressure in the last 100 yards. Jupiter Island, who was a little hampered at that point, himself bumped Allez Milord a few strides from the post.

Pat Eddery drives Jupiter Island to a narrow victory over Allez Milord (Greville Starkey) in an all-British photo finish to yesterday's Japan Cup

Last year's Japanese St Leger winner, Miho Shinzan, was third followed by Rugby Ball, also fourth in this year's Japanese Derby, and the strongly-fancied New Zealand-trained colt, Waverley Star.

The other foreign runners all ran disappointingly. Carotene, from Canada, finished ninth. Triptych (Tony Cruz) was eleventh, Flying Pidgeon, the only American hope, twelfth and Tommy Way (Willie Carson) thirteenth of the 14 runners. Triptych broke fast but was soon settled in the rear and never appeared to be going well. Tommy Way was also trailing throughout.

Jupiter Island cut three-tenths of a second off the record set by the American-trained Maizy Doates in the first running of the Japan Cup five years ago.

It was a triumph for trainer Clive Brittain and his staff who nursed the seven-year-old back to full fitness after he was out of action from April to October. Jupiter Island cracked his hoof and contracted an abscess in the foot when finishing third to Dahar in California. This was his last race and he will now be retired to stud.

Big-race details

JAPAN CUP (£382,775, 1m 4f): 1, JUPITER ISLAND (Pat Eddery); 2, Allez Milord (G Starkey); 3, Miho Shinzan (M Shibata). ALSO RAN: Rugby Ball (4th), Waverley Star (5th), Sakura Yutaka (6th), Jusaburo (7th), Kushiro King (8th), Carotene (9th), Gallop Dyna (10th), Triptych (11th), Flying Pidgeon (12th), Tommy Way (13th), Suda Hawk (last). 14 ran. Hd, 1¼l, ¾l, ½l, ½l, nk, 1¼l, ¾l, nk, nose, ½l, 1l, 2l. 2min 25sec (course record). C Brittain. Pari-mutuel (to 100 yen stake): 1,490; 490, 370, 220. DF: 760.

Royal Bond belies age

A new £IR75,000 chase at Leopardstown in February is now on the agenda for Royal Bond, who made light of top weight and advancing years to win the Fortria Handicap Chase at Navan on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Just a few weeks short of his fourteenth birthday, Royal Bond is very much the grand old man of the Irish jumping scene. In his younger days he won over hurdles at Cheltenham and has retained his form remarkably well since.

He was ridden with good judgement by Pat Taaffe's 22-year-old son, Tom, who was having his first mount over fences since taking a bad fall.

Asked to nominate the horse he would most like to ride in the Aintree Grand National, an event his father won twice, Tom picked on Bold Agent and this 10-year-old justified his judgement with a six-length win in the Navan Supporters' Troytown Handicap Chase. He comes from an eight-horse stable run by Eamon O'Connell.

Kennard blames Spearing for Hennessy defeat

By Michael Seely

Les Kennard yesterday claimed that John Spearing's decision to leave Run And Skip in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at the four-day declaration stage had deprived Two Coppers, his 1½-length runner-up, of the chance of beating Broadheath in that stamina-sapping duel over the final four fences at Newbury on Saturday.

"Of course the fact that the winner was carrying 3lb less made all the difference," said the Somerset trainer. "All the horses were very tired in the soft ground and we were coming back at Broadheath at the finish."

The Newbury stewards have reported Spearing to the stewards of the Jockey Club to find out not only why Run And Skip was left in at the four-day stage but also why the horse was not withdrawn on Friday.

"Originally I was keeping my options open," was the trainer's only comment yesterday. "And I couldn't take him out overnight because there were difficulties in communication".

The practice of trainers deliberately leaving top weights in handicaps in order to favour their more strongly fancied candidates lower down has for some time been a thorn in the side of the authorities and the connections of other horses in the race. So, although Spearing himself had no other possible runner in the race, an inquiry will help to clear the air and provide guidance for the future in these matters.

However, although Kennard is entitled to feel aggrieved, a study of the video recording of the race suggests that Broadheath won with at least 3lb in hand. Apart from the first two home, Plundering and Strands Of Gold also had chances of winning at the last but it was Broadheath's ability to quicken that finally won the great race for David Barons's Kingsbridge stable.

As every handicapper knows to his cost, this is not an easy problem to solve. Paul Nicholls, the 24-year-old winning jockey, confirmed this when he said afterwards: "My main concern was to get Broadheath settled. That mistake three out was a bit hair-raising but after that I felt we were always in control, as he always pulls out more when he's challenged".

Barons, aged 49, together with his wife, the former point-to-point rider, Jenifer Renfree, has now been running one of the most successful racing stables in West Country history for 25 years. They also operate a 1200-acre farm and have recently started a business concerned with importing New Zealand-bred jumping stores.

"Winning the Schweppes with Bootlaces was a wonderful experience," he said yesterday. "But Saturday's win was pretty rewarding as well. I feel that Broadheath has now earned the right to take on Forgive'n Forget in the King George but I'm not sure where he'll go in the meantime."

Two Coppers, together with his stable companion, Triska, will now be aimed at the Welsh National and Maori Venture, a fast-finishing third on Saturday, will now attempt to repeat last year's win in the Corals Bookmakers Handicap at Lingfield for Andy Turnell.

Soft West Country voices were again in evidence in the unsaddling enclosure after Barons and Nicholls had completed a double when Playschool proved too strong for Mark Dwyer and Comeragh King in the Hopeful Chase. "This was one of the first of my New Zealand-breds," said the trainer. "He's a pretty fair horse and I'm going to train him for the Sun Alliance Chase."

In the Gerry Feilden Hurdle, Humberside Lady proved a bitterly disappointing favourite but River Ceiriog showed much of his old fire until he tired between the last two flights and finished third, 36 lengths behind Barnbrook Again.

"I thought he ran pretty well first time out in the mud," said Nicky Henderson. "He'll now follow the same pattern as See You Then two seasons ago. He'll go for the SGB Hire Shop Hurdle at Ascot on the way to the Champion Hurdle."

Henderson also had news of last year's 12-length Hennessy winner, Galway Blaze. "About nine weeks ago he went back to Cambridge for tests and scanning after an operation to one of his cannon bones. Since then he's been doing steady roadwork.

"And I hope to be able to get some faster work into him in the New Year before training him for the major spring races." Ladbrokes are only prepared to offer an unrealistic 20-1 against this brilliant but basically unsound chaser for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

David Elsworth, justifiably incensed at his total neglect by the media after Barnbrook Again's impressive win, said: "I know River Ceiriog is bound to improve but we did win by a very long way. The original plan was to go chasing but after that we'll have to go for the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham just to see how good he is."

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Pharoah's Laen. 1.30 Seagram. 2.00 Hope End. 2.30 Masterplan. 3.00 Sabin Du Loir. 3.30 Prince Ramboro.

By Michael Seely

3.00 SHEER GOLD (nap). 3.30 Infinity Rules.

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

1.0 ADVENT NOVICE HURDLE (£1,263: 2m) (17 runners)

3 0-D2321 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE (D) (B Benton) R Jackes 5-11-5 ... J Hurst (7) 96 F3-1
9 0 CAREER BAY (G Robinson) D Haydn Jones 4-10-12 ... G McCourt ●99 8-1
11 0 CREEAGER (J Berry) W Wharton 4-10-12 ... M Brennan — 10-1
15 GRISAILLE'S DOUBLE (D Gallagher) P Bevan 5-10-12 ... S Morshead — —
17 LOCH LADDIE (H Yates) R Hollinshead 4-10-12 ... P Dever — —
18 0F MANASSASS (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-10-12 ... D Skyrme (7) — —
23 PARK MILL (L Barratt) L Barratt 4-10-12 ... R Crank — —
24 0 PHAROAH'S LAEN (T Johnsey) J Francome 5-10-12 ... B de Haan — —
28 0 SALMON RUN (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody — 5-1
29 F0 SAUSAGE ROLL (F Clarke) M Eckley 6-10-12 ... A O'Hagan — —
34 TAKE NO TRASH (E Bronfman) N Henderson 5-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles — 6-1
35 VALENTINE BOY (P Williams) D Barons 5-10-12 ... P Nicholls — 14-1
36 P VANISHING BOY (J Browne) F Hollis 4-10-12 ... R Millman — —
38 4 CHANCE PARTNER (B Thackray) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-7 ... A Sharpe 95 7-2
39 CHANNEL BREEZE (W Kavanagh) E Wheeler 6-10-7 ... M Harrington — 12-1
41 0 VALRACH (R Starke) G Ham 4-10-7 ... — — —
42 WOODLANDS RENTAGEN (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 6-10-7 ... D Chinn — —

1985: (Handicap) PETER MARTIN 4-10-8 S Holland (9-1) F Lee 14 ran

FORM PENLLYNE'S PRIDE (10-0) held off the late challenge of Bumbles Folly (9-13) by a head at Warwick last time (2m, £3617, good, Nov 15, 11 ran). CAREER BAY (11-0) could not quicken when 11¾l 5th to Loddon Lad (11-0) at Chepstow (2m, £1307, good to soft, Nov 1, 21 ran) but will benefit for the experience. CREEAGER (11-0), a consistent handicapper around 7f on the Flat, made some late progress 16¾l 7th to Royal Creek (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1611, good, Nov 14, 18 ran). PHAROAH'S LEAN was behind in a Newbury novice hurdle on reappearance carried 11-10 into 3rd. Previously was beaten 5¾l by Professional View (11-05) in a Bangor NH Flat race (2m 80yd, £1152, good, Nov 5, 21 ran). CHANCE PARTNER (10-7) ran as though in need of race when 19l 4th to Cindie Girl (11-0) at Stratford (2m, £685, good, Nov 6, 16 ran). CHANNEL BREEZE (11-4) is ex-Irish horse and finished 4½l 3rd to Such Fun (11-7) at Mallow (2m 5f, £830, yield, May 20, 17 ran) in a NH Flat race.
Selection: CAREER BAY

1.30 BROCKTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,653: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 8/122-31 SEAGRAM (C) (Maincrest Ltd) D Barons 8-11-4 ... P Nicholls 93 F8-4
2 2F3410 TURKANA (J Upson) T Casey 6-11-4 ... G Charles Jones 91 5-1
4 10U0-00 ASMID (B) (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 7-10-12 ... J Suthern — 12-1
8 0/00400- CATHY'S PAL (C Kyme) J Chugg 6-10-12 ... A Sharpe — —
10 GREEN SECRET (F Sedgwick) G Yardley 5-10-12 ... C Smith — —
13 00 HOLLOWELL (Mrs A Hughes) F Hollis 6-10-12 ... R Millman — —
14 0/03300- INCENSE (H Attwood) P Bevan 6-10-12 ... S Morshead — 10-1
15 0004-14 KAMADEE (BF) (Mrs P Fout) F Winter 6-10-12 ... P Scudamore — 3-1
18 0P0P/ MASTER BRABINGER (J Tucker) A Barrow 7-10-12 ... J Hurst (7) — —
19 00034-4 MITLINI (Mrs J Meredith) B Preece 6-10-12 ... S Holland — 16-1
21 P42F-3F NEW SONG (J Sanders) M Oliver 7-10-12 ... R Dunwoody ●99 6-1

1985: LEWIS ESTATES 7-10-12 S Morshead (15-8) Mrs M Rimell 5 ran

FORM SEAGRAM (10-12) 25l winner over Deep Auburn (10-12) (2m, £1448, firm, Nov 10, 6 ran) after being left clear 2 out. TURKANA beaten in handicap chase last time. Previously (11-03) won a novice event at Towcester (2m 50yd, hard, Oct 15, 5 ran) by 12l from Le Marsh (10-12). KAMADEE (11-01) makes his chasing debut after some decent hurdling form at Cheltenham (2m, £1500, firm, Oct 8, 3 ran) beating Court Appeal (11-0) 30l. MITLINI (10-5) weakened into 4th, beaten 37l by Sandcliffe Boy (10-7) at Southwell (3m110y, £945, good to soft, Nov 18, 11 ran). NEW SONG fell 2 out at Cheltenham behind Cocaine last time. Previously (11-0) a 7l 3rd to Aslam Minor (11-3) at Chepstow (2m, £2369, firm, Oct 4, 5 ran).
Selection: NEW SONG

2.0 MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,036: 2m) (10 runners)

1 6FP0-03 PAN ARCTIC (D) (Mrs R Bill) T Bill 7-11-10 ... R Crank 87 —
2 432121/ CELTIC BREW (CD) (Maj R Phillips) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-8 ... S Morshead ●99 5-2
3 491-004 ANNETTE'S DELIGHT (D,BF) (J Upson) T Casey 7-11-4 ... S Moore 88 10-1
4 310111 HOPE END (D) (Mrs Y Allsop) R Dickin 8-11-4 (6lb ex) ... C Jones 94 F9-4
6 2242-04 TAFFY JONES (P Hayes) M McCormack 7-10-12 ... P Barton 90 12-1
7 0U0-110 ASIA MINOR (D) (C Hitchings) C Hitchings 6-10-3 ... R Hyett 90 11-2
9 2-21112 SEVERN SOUND (D,BF) (J Bradley) J Bradley 8-10-2 (7ex) ... G Davies 92 7-2
10 U02003- FARE LOVE (E Evans) E Evans 7-10-0 ... P Warner 89 —
11 PP012U CHESTNUT PRINCE (D) (I Burston) P Pritchard 11-10-0 ... D Chinn 87 —
12 13200/0 ROYAL MANX (CD) (B Palling Ltd) B Palling 9-10-0 ... C Evans (4) — —

1985: ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT 8-11-12 S Morshead (5-4 fav) Mrs W Sykes 3 ran

FORM CELTIC BREW (11-7) was last seen out when beating Swift Royale (10-1) 3l at Stratford (2m 6f, £1719, good to firm, Sept 85, 7 ran). ANNETTE'S DELIGHT (11-2) found little from 2 out when 17l 4th to Romany Nightshade (12-3) at Windsor (2m, £1582, good, Nov 8, 5 ran). HOPE END (10-0) completed a hat-trick when beating Peter Anthony (10-4) 12l at Hereford (2m, £2402, good to soft, Nov 11, 6 ran). ASIA MINOR was well below form last time. Previously (11-3) beat Life Guard (11-0) 3l at Chepstow (2m, Nov Ch, £2369, firm, Oct 4, 5 ran). SEVERN SOUND (11-1) finished 12l 2nd to Hiz (11-6) at Worcester (2m, soft) on latest start. Previously (10-0) beat Just Alick (11-9) 2½l with TAFFY JONES (11-3) a well beaten 5th. PAN ARCTIC (12-1) even further back in 6th and CHESTNUT PRINCE (10-1) a casualty at the 3rd last at Stratford (2m, £2177, good, Nov 6, 9 ran). Subsequently PAN ARCTIC (12-7) showed better form when 15l 3rd to Corker (10-5) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £1755, good to soft, Nov 13, 11 ran). CHESTNUT PRINCE (10-0) successful earlier in the season when beating The Welder (11-7) a neck at Worcester (2m, £1698, good to firm, Oct 10, 7 ran)
Selection: CELTIC BREW

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

2.30 BOAR'S HEAD TROPHY CHASE (£1,676: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 F300-31 MASTERPLAN (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 9-11-8 ... S Morshead ●99 F2-1
2 043/PP0- TRUSTY CATCHER (M Tate) M Tate 8-11-0 ... M Bastard — 20-1
3 4420F-2 BACKLOG (J Dalton) J Dalton 8-10-10 ... B de Haan 97 3-1
4 00F00F- BRYMA (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 6-10-10 ... C Evans (4) 85 12-1
5 0-F ELVERS GREEN (R Lambert) A Nightingale 8-10-10 ... M Caswell — 25-1
10 00-2 WICKED UNCLE (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 5-10-10 ... P Scudamore 91 9-4
11 3-F FLORENCE MAY (R Fairbarns) Mrs S Richardson 7-10-5 ... P Warner 92 10-1

1985: AFRICAN STAR 7-11-0 J Frost (13-8) R Frost 5 ran

FORM MASTERPLAN (11-0) jumped soundly on his chasing debut and was left clear 2 out to beat Stars And Stripes and Broken Wing 15l and 2½l at Stratford (2m 6f, £3280, good, Nov 6, 11 ran). BACKLOG (10-12) making his seasonal reappearance could find no extra on the run-in when a 2½l 2nd to Roy's House (10-12) here (3m 1f, £1464, firm, Nov 5, 4 ran). BRYMA (11-0) was 5l 5th to Camp Dunphy (11-0) at Folkestone last season (3m 2f, £1743, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran). WICKED UNCLE should improve on a chasing debut (11-0) 20l 2nd to Ballymulish (11-2) at Kempton (3m, £1963m good, Nov 6, 4 ran). FLORENCE MAY was prominent when falling first time out. Last year (11-9) was 10l 3rd to Torville in a maiden hunters chase at Worcester (3m, £4065, good to soft, May 21, 20 ran).
Selection: MASTERPLAN

3.0 WEST MIDLANDS HURDLE (£2,666: 2m 6f) (5 runners)

2 011211- PIKE'S PEAK (Lord Soames) N Henderson 5-11-10 ... S Smith Eccles ●99 5-2
3 00-2010 ANIECE (D) (P Beswick) Mrs G Jones 6-11-5 ... J Suthern 50 25-1
5 41F30-3 SHEER GOLD (Lady Harris) G Balding 6-11-5 ... G Bradley 96 F7-4
6 41040-2 TUGBOAT (BF) (Mrs G Evennett) P Mitchell 7-11-5 ... R Dunwoody 87 8-1
11 111/02P- SABIN DU LOIR (B Kilpatrick) D M-Smith 7-10-12 ... C Brown 97 15-8

1985: No corresponding race

FORM PIKES PEAK (11-7) showed marked improvement when beating Ishkomann (11-5) 15l at Ascot (3m, £5540, good, Apr 12, 19 ran). ANIECE (10-0) returned to best form when beating Super Grass (10-5) 2½l at Stratford (2m 6f, £3209, good, Nov 6, 14 ran). SHEER GOLD was not disgraced on reappearance behind Ibn Majed at Ascot and (11-6) ran best race last season on heavy ground at Haydock beating Kristenson (12-0) 10l (3m, £5888, Jan 18, 10 ran). TUGBOAT (12-7) ran right up to best when going down by only ¾l to Sexton Ash (10-0) at Plumpton (2m4f, £1624, hard, Aug 15, 6 ran). SABIN DU LOIR disappointed at the Cheltenham festival having been (10-7) a very promising 2½l 2nd to See You Then (11-12) at Sandown (2m, £5332, heavy, Feb 1, 9 ran).
Selection: SHEER GOLD

3.30 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,536: 2m) (20 runners)

1 201033- CRADLE OF JAZZ (D) (K Britten) J Old 6-11-10 ... G Bradley 90 14-1
2 12200-0 INFINITY RULES (D,BF) (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Mellor 5-11-10 ... M Harrington 89 6-1
4 F-01313 MOUNTAIN MAN (D) (Mrs Y Allsop) R Dickin 10-11-9 ... C Jones 93 5-1
5 040130- THE NUB (D) (P Duggan) W H-Bass 7-11-8 ... S Smith Eccles 97 12-1
6 110/00F MAFOO'S TOKEN (D) (D Robinson) R Holder 6-11-8 ... P Richards — —
7 44014/0 LUCIETES (CD) (S Hollingworth) F Jordan 5-11-2 ... C Smith — —
8 332132- STORM HOUSE (D) (Mrs N Myers) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12 ... — 90 7-2
10 P23U40- PRINCE RAMBORO (D) (E Wheatley) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-11 ... S Morshead 95 10-1
12 024213 LITTLE SLOOP (D) (Mrs G Benney) D Nicholson 4-10-9 ... W Humphreys (7) 95 F3-1
13 380-000 TAGIO (D) (M Tate) M Tate 6-10-9 ... M Bastard ●99 —
15 0P14-00 NORTHERN HOPE (D Gallyer) G Kindersley 4-10-7 ... C Brown 92 —
16 0-P0100 SHADY LEGACY (D) (D Pugh) R Morris 5-10-6 ... Miss L Wallace (7) 92 —
17 4/40301- END OF THE ROAD (D) (K Perrett) J Perrett 6-10-6 ... G Charles Jones 93 —
18 022-010 MOU-DAFA (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-10-6 ... P Scudamore 97 6-1
19 00F01/P LAST TRAIL (D) (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 7-10-5 ... J Bryan — —
20 4900P-0 DERWENT KING (CD) (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 9-10-5 ... S Moore 89 —
21 300-403 ENSIGNS KIT (CD) (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 11-10-4 ... M Brisbourne 87 —
22 312P00- HIGH BARN (B Charnley) B Charnley 7-10-4 ... S Turner (7) 91 —
23 10- SWEET OPTIMIST (D) (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-10-3 ... A Sharpe 89 —
24 4/0001-0 BUGATTI (D) (D Malam) D Burchell 8-10-2 ... S Davies (7) 93 —

1985: No corresponding race

FORM THE NUB (11-2) good effort to be 1¼l 3rd to subsequent scorer Bigee (11-2) at Towcester (2m, £1242, soft, Apr 11, 16 ran). STORM HOUSE (11-2) 1l 2nd to La Soir (10-9) at Uttoxeter (2m). Previously (10-12) had beaten Ninattash 3l at Wincanton (2m, £769, good, May 1, 21 ran). LITTLE SLOOP (11-5) beaten 11l into 3rd by Spanish Reel (11-2) here (2m, £1719, firm, Nov 10, 7 ran). DERWENT KING (10-6) 20½l 5th to Al-Alam (11-4) with SHADY LEGACY (10-9) 9th, TAGIO (11-0) and ENSIGNS KIT (10-6) unplaced here (2m, £1934, firm, Nov 5, 15 ran). Previously SHADY LEGACY (10-1) a 25-1 shot when beating Tharaleos (11-7) 1½l with MOUNTAIN MAN (11-4) a further 4l back in 3rd at Bangor (2m, £1836, good to firm, Oct 18, 5 ran). ENSIGNS KIT (10-12) 12l 3rd to Cruden Bay (10-12) with BOGATTI (10-2) a poor 9th at Southwell (2m, £1109, good to soft, Nov 18, 12 ran). Previously BUGATTI (10-3) beat CRADLE OF JAZZ (11-7) 3l at Uttoxeter (2m, £1280, good to firm, Sept 26, 10 ran).
Selection: STORM HOUSE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Eckley	5	19	26.3	G Bradley	7	15	46.7
Winter	5	20	25.0	S Smith Eccles	7	32	21.9
Mrs M Rimell	25	104	24.0	S Morshead	25	126	19.8
N Henderson	7	40	17.5	P Scudamore	23	119	19.3
Mrs J Pitman	9	62	14.5	P Barton	7	68	10.3
D Nicholson	8	68	11.8	R Crank	8	89	9.0

Conditions favour Sabin Du Loir

By Mandarin

Sabin Du Loir, favoured by the race conditions, can gain his first success since 1983 by beating Sheer Gold and Pike's Peak in a fascinating contest for the West Midlands Hurdle at Wolverhampton this afternoon.

David Murray-Smith's gelding ran three times last season and in the second of those chased home the Champion Hurdler, See You Then, in the Oteley Hurdle at Sandown in February.

He subsequently contested the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival and played a prominent role until three out where he made a serious error and was pulled up.

Sheer Gold started joint-favourite for that Cheltenham race and was lying second when falling at the last. She ran a fair race on her reapppearance to finish third to Ibn Majed and Gaye Brief and, with her stable in fine form, is likely to head the market.

However, in what may develop into a tactical battle, I feel she may prove vulnerable to a horse of Sabin Du Loir's speed, especially as she is meeting my selection on 12lb worse terms than when they clashed at Cheltenham.

Pike's Peak was one of last season's leading novices but faces a formidable task in attempting to give weight to his elders here. With his stable yet to strike form, this highly-promising five-year-old is likely to need the run.

For the day's best bet, I look to Folkestone where Geata An Uisce can defy his big weight against four modest rivals in the Otterden Handicap Chase.

A useful staying novice two seasons ago when trained by Owen Brennan, my nap followed his recent Windsor win by giving supporters of Conquering a fright at Newbury on Friday, eventually going down by a length.

He meets nothing of that calibre today and the fact that a trainer of Forster's experience is prepared to run a young chaser again so soon is a pointer in itself.

At Southwell, I visualize the Easterby brothers having a winner apiece with Peter sending out Just Alick (3.0) and Mick saddling Bickerstaffe (3.30).

Saturday's results

● Broadheath, 6-1 winner of Saturday's Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury, was napped by Mandarin (Michael Phillips) and was *The Times* Private Handicapper's top rating of the day.

Newbury

12.45 1, Molojec (4-1); 2, Sir's At The Gin (4-1); 3, Puck's Place (13-8 fav). 12 ran. NR: Billy's Bridge.
1.15 1, Barnbrook Again (7-2); 2, Beat The Retreat (33-1); 3, River Ceiriog (5-2). Humberside Lady 2-1 fav. 7 ran.
1.50 1, Broadheath (6-1); 2, Two Coppers (50-1); 3, Maori Venture (16-1). Charter Party 5-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Run And Skip.
2.20 1, Playschool (11-2); 2, Comeragh King (7-4 fav); 3, Proud Pilgrim (16-1). 10 ran.
2.50 1, Little Bay (5-1); 2, Doubleton (16-1); 3, Jo Colombo (14-1). Our Fun, Romany Nightshade 5-2 jt-favs. 8 ran.
3.20 1, Perfect Double (33-1); 2, Federal Trooper (7-2); 3, Alto Cumulus (11-4 fav). 21 ran.

Ayr

12.30 1, Pat's Jester (9-4 fav); 2, Carousel Rocket (3-1); 3, Denaito (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Greenhills Boy.
1.0 1, Pledgdon Green (14-1); 2, Tartan Torchlight (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Katy Quick (20-1). Milesian Dancer, The Cider and Bun 4-1 jt-favs. 13 ran.
1.30 1, The Divider (9-2); 2, Newlife Connection (6-4 fav); 3, Mossy Moore (9-4). 6 ran.
2.0 1, String Player (9-1); 2, Helynsar (6-1); 3, Cool Strike (8-1). Santopadre 7-4 fav. 12 ran.
2.30 1, Grinders (Evens fav); 2, Hardy Lad (3-1); 3, Royal Jet (11-2). 4 ran. NR: Peaty Sandy.
3.0 1, General Chandos (5-1); 2, Oaken (5-6 fav); 3, Ida's Delight (9-2). 5 ran.
3.30 1, Robadark (10-1); 2, Glass Mountain (2-1); 3, Quistina (13-2). Tartan Trademark 7-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Mandrabelle.

Catterick Bridge

12.30 1, Come Poor The Wine (14-1); 2, Lady La Paz (9-4 fav); 3, Hurricane Henry (5-1). 20 ran.
1.0 1, Patrick's Star (4-1); 2, Doon Venture (6-4 fav); 3, Fanny Robin (4-1). 10 ran.
1.30 1, Scarlet Terror (11-2); 2, Fortina's Express (7-4); 3, Beau N'Idol (9-2). 8 ran.
2.0 1, Mossberry Fair (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Baytown Coke (6-1); 3, Gilsan Grey (4-1). Lingfield Lady 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran.
2.30 1, Wild Argosy (10-11 fav); 2, Bright Imp (33-1); 3, Paraglo (6-1). 8 ran.
3.0 1, Jody's Boy (11-4); 2, Al-Alam (9-4 fav); 3, The Diplomat (6-1). 9 ran. NR: Carat Stick.

Market Rasen

12.45 1, Alex Choice (20-1); 2, Ascot Again (20-1); 3, Juke Box (10-1); 4, Mesa Kid (16-1). Kitty Wren 4-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Tommy Gunner.
1.15 1, Kanenomore (8-11 fav); 2, Badsworth (5-4); 3, Jimmypick (16-1). 3 ran.
1.45 1, By The Way (4-11 fav) finished alone. 3 ran.
2.15 1, Another Norfolk (13-2); 2, Mac Charley (14-1); 3, Christmas Holly (7-1). Bigsun 11-8 fav. 15 ran. NR: Pearl Merchant.
2.45 1, Dan The Miller (Evens fav); 2, Sharp Song (11-2); 3, Boreham Down (33-1). 8 ran.
3.15 1, Starwood (9-1); 2, Royal Greek (13-8 fav); 3, Nikoola Eve (10-1). 19 ran.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Fitzgerald	32	17	8	0	+31.49
G Richards	30	22	15	0	-5.89
M Pipe	24	14	6	2	-44.89
W Stephenson	23	24	10	4	-62.83
J Gifford	21	11	8	6	+32.02
G Balding	20	11	11	2	+18.98
J Jenkins	19	19	12	1	-65.85
D Nicholson	18	4	12	1	+42.37
D Elsworth	16	12	6	0	+42.46
M H Easterby	15	14	7	0	-4.51

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
P Scudamore	39	30	22	16	-56.44
M Dwyer	34	17	9	3	+23.86
R Dunwoody	33	16	28	9	+8.99
P Tuck	28	24	17	0	-33.89
C Grant	22	29	20	21	-68.67
D Powell	20	28	22	10	-81.15
F Sherwood	19	14	11	4	+2.28
G Bradley	17	7	3	1	+15.98
R Lamb	17	14	9	3	-48.81
S S Eccles	17	10	15	2	-14.06

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 High Viscosity. 1.15 Boyne Salmon. 1.45 Super Energy. 2.15 GEATA AN UISCE (nap). 2.45 French Captain. 3.15 Write The Music.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 STEEL YEOMAN.

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

12.45 LE TOUQUET NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 01 HIGH VISCOSITY (B Harvey) A Jarvis 4-10-11 ... T Jarvis 95 15-8
3 01 JOLI'S GIRL (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 4-10-6 ... J McLaughlin ●99 F6-4
4 000-0 CITY SLICKER (P Winfoworth) S Mellor 5-10-5 ... G Landau (4) — —
5 0PP0/FF CLEAR MAGIC (P Pollock) A Moore 6-10-5 ... G Moore — —
6 000-0 COMYN LEGEND (Mrs E Boucher) J Gifford 5-10-5 ... E Murphy — 7-1
7 000/0F0 FADING DAWN (V) (O Henley) P Butler 9-10-5 ... A T O'Gorman (7) — —
8 FULL SPATE (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-10-5 ... J Akehurst — —
9 0P0-000 HAYASHI (Mrs B Hammond) G Gracey 5-10-5 ... Miss Z Davison (7) — —
11 00P-00 LOVER COVER (Mrs A Garrett) J King 4-10-5 ... S McNeill 93 5-1
13 0-3034 SPEEDY BOY (L Fuller) G Enright 4-10-5 ... M Perrett 92 10-1
15 000300- CELAIR (Miss L Kent) R Hoad 4-10-0 ... M Hoad — —
17 0PP-0 TOM'S LASS (M Trusler) B Wise 5-10-0 ... R Rowell — —

1985: (2m 5f) CUMREW 5-10-5 J White (7-1) N Vigors 15 ran

1.15 NUMBER ENGAGED CHALLENGE BOWL NOVICE CHASE (£1,338: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

2 0002-14 LING (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11-3 ... A Webb 82 F5-2
4 2230-43 BATU (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 5-10-10 ... C Mann 88 9-2
5 0P/0082- BOYNE SALMON (T Duke) Miss L Bower 6-10-10 ... Mr T Grantham (4) 82 8-1
8 000P-P DRUMBHREAC (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-10 ... L Harvey (4) — —
9 0000/PP DRUMMOND STREET (F Hill) A Moore 7-10-10 ... G Moore — —
10 0-00000 DUSKY BROWN (T King) G Gracey 8-10-10 ... — — —
11 U0/0FP4- ERNIE'S KEEP (G Ripley) G Ripley 11-10-10 ... Mr A Kelleway (7) — —
13 232-00P GASOOF (Mrs G McBride) W Kemp 8-10-10 ... S Shilston — —
14 0040-F0 HARDBRIDGE (G Holt) H Fitch-Heyes 8-10-10 ... R Goldstein — —
16 P0PP- IVY LEAGUE (J Hutchinson) J Jenkins 6-10-10 ... S Sherwood — —
17 030P/34 MISCHIEVOUS JACK (B Byford) B Byford 5-10-10 ... Mr S Andrews 81 6-1
18 60F2/P- NIGHT ATTACK (Mrs F Burgess) J Elliott 10-10-10 ... Mrs C Elliott — —
20 00P30P/ PRINCE FELIX (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 6-10-10 ... J Akehurst — —
21 000P- ROMAN SING (D Martin-Betts) J Gifford 7-10-10 ... R Rowe — 12-1
22 0004P0- STEEL YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 8-10-10 ... E Murphy ●99 7-2
24 0-02FF3 TEXAS TURKEY (D Wright) D Oughton 8-10-10 ... H Davies 83 10-1

1985: GOLDEN MINSTREL 6-10-10 R Rowe (9-2) J Gifford 11 ran

1.45 LE TOUQUET NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

1 0U0-10 SUPER ENERGY (Mrs M Slade) J Gifford 5-10-11 ... R Rowe 98 11-4
2 214400 LITTLE KATRINA (J Lacey) W Kemp 5-10-6 ... S Shilston 93 7-2
4 0 AH HELLO (Middleton Agg Ltd) J Jenkins 5-10-5 ... — — F9-4
7 00U/F4-0 DRAGONADE (J Blackshaw) A Moore 5-10-5 ... G Moore 87 —
9 002/ ITALIAN SUNRISE (B) (P Woodward) D Oughton 6-10-5 ... P Double — 12-1
10 04 LOCKNER LAD (D Heath) R Parker 6-10-5 ... H Davies 85 —
11 U-040 OLD FORD TAVERN (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 5-10-5 ... S Sherwood ●99 9-1
12 ORRAVAN (Mrs M Collison) R Hoad 5-10-5 ... M Hoad (7) — —
14 0P- PRINCE FRIENDLY (Mrs R Murrell) M Bolton 4-10-5 ... Penny Ffitch-Heyes (7) — —
15 VULBEAU (Mrs T Arthur) D Grissell 6-10-5 ... R Goldstein — —
16 4/40 ATLANTIC LEISURE (D Pascoe) O Sherwood 6-10-0 ... C Cox (4) — 11-2
17 0P-0 DUSKEY COMIC (L Futcher) J King 4-10-0 ... S McNeill — —
18 000-0P EMPRESS JOSEPHINE (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-0 ... L Harvey (4) 89 —
19 000- LLOYDS DARK LADY (Mrs P Ward-Jones) D Grissell 7-10-0 ... J Akehurst — —

1985: (2m 5f) NO HACK 6-9-12 Miss C Moore (4-1) C Read 13 ran

2.15 OTTERDEN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,548: 3m 2f) (5 runners)

1 41/30-12 GEATA AN UISCE (R Denny) T Forster 8-12-3 (7ex) ... L Harvey (4) ●99 F4-6
2 0F31F-B ANNA'S MITE (J Blakeney) R Blakeney 7-11-8 ... Judy Blakeney (7) 97 9-2
3 0442-F0 SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (R Dove) Miss L Bower 10-11-6 ... R Rowell 96 4-1
4 20P01/F TEN BELOW (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-10-12 ... M Kinane — 10-1
5 UPP00P/ POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) P Butler 11-10-0 ... A T O'Gorman — 14-1

1985: DARGAI 9-10-13 A Webber (7-2) R Armytage 8 ran

2.45 MARSH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,783: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

8 3008P/0 BASIL'S CHOICE (R Champion) R Champion 11-11-7 ... R Rowe — 8-1
9 1F/30P0- ROCK SAINT (C,D) (G Gregson) G Gregson 11-11-4 ... Mr T Grantham (4) — —
12 P0-3312 FORESTDALE (D) (Mrs M Wates) C Wates 8-11-0 ... H Davies 97 F2-1
13 2102-FU GLEN MIEL (P McKeever) O Sherwood 8-10-13 ... S Sherwood 82 11-2
15 3101-03 SLIPALONG (D) (J Read) P J Jones 9-10-10 ... C Mann 82 3-1
16 122200- FRENCH CAPTAIN (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 10-10-10 M Kinane ●99 10-1
18 28211-F AUTUMN ZULU (B,C,BF) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 7-10-3 ... R Rowell 90 9-2
19 00/13-40 DENSTON (D) (D Underwood) D Underwood 9-10-0 ... L Harvey (4) 93 —

1985: STRAY SHOT 7-11-2 R Rowe (5-2 jt-fav) J Gifford 12 ran

3.15 ROYAL OAK MOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,339: 3m 3f) (12 runners)

5 1423-P0 HALL'S PRINCE (J Hopton) D Grissell 5-11-7 ... T Grantham (4) ●99 9-2
6 232F-00 WRITE THE MUSIC (V) (J Abell) P Felgate 5-11-0 ... Mrs J Saunders (7) 95 4-1
8 4100-33 ENA OLLEY (A J Bingley Ltd) D Elsworth 4-10-8 ... P McQuillan (7) 98 F6-4
12 000000- TOM NOEL (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 11-10-7 ... Mrs H Noonan (7) 91 —
14 340P1F- MOUNT FEDDANE (B) (G Beer) P J Jones 10-10-7 ... Miss C Hitchings (7) — 10-1
16 U4330P- HOPEFUL SAINT (T King) W King 8-10-7 ... D Benneyworth (7) — —
17 P000P-3 DEVIL'S GOLD (M Smallman) R Shepherd 6-10-7 ... Mrs C Smallman (7) 90 14-1
18 0F3UPP/ VALMAI (R Ledger) R Ledger 7-10-7 ... Mrs N Ledger (7) — —
19 0P-P003 SIRUNDY (M Groombridge) R Curtis 5-10-7 ... A Kelleway (7) 88 —
20 000U-03 FATA MORGANA (Mrs P Pile) Mrs P Pile 11-10-7 ... Mrs D Mitchell (7) — —
21 403/P0-0 SALLY TASK (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 10-10-7 ... Miss B Llewellyn (7) — —
22 04300-0 TARA'S CHIEFTAIN (G Enright) G Enright 8-10-7 ... Miss A Harwood (7) 80 —

1985: NORTH WEST 10-10-4 Miss C Moore (4-1) A Moore 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J Gifford	16	69	23.2	S Sherwood	7	32	21.9
J Jenkins	11	69	15.9	R Rowe	13	65	20.0
B Wise	4	39	10.3	R Rowell	5	62	8.1
				R Goldstein	4	59	6.8

Only qualifiers / Only qualifiers

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Rambling Wild. 1.30 Flaming Pearl. 2.0 Nineteen Shillings. 2.30 Friendly Bee. 3.0 Just Alick. 3.30 Bickerstaffe.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 Just Alick.

Going: heavy

1.0 MANSFIELD NOVICE CHASE (£934: 2m 74yd) (5 runners)

3 0R00 CONSTABLE KELLY Mrs J Barrow 6-10-12 ... M Bosley (4)
10 000- CANTORIAL R Armytage 5-10-9 ... B Powell
11 00-0 DOVERIDGE S Cole 5-10-9 ... A Carroll
12 030- ECHO BEACH Denys Smith 5-10-9 ... C Grant
15 3-83 RAMBLING WILD P Harris 5-10-9 ... R Strange

4-6 Rambling Wild, 9-4 Echo Beach, 8-1 Cantorial, 16-1 Doveridge, Constable Kelly.

1.30 FARNDON SELLING HURDLE (£814: 2m) (13)

1 0-00 BONFIRE (B,D) P Hedger 5-11-5 ... M Richards
2 0-00 ABJAD R Woodhouse 5-11-1 ... D Dutton
6 -000 SHARED EXPERIENCE R Hartop 5-11-1 ... C Grant
7 -808 SILENT SHADOW A Blackmore 5-11-1 ... Mr S Bullard
8 2-21 FLAMING PEARL (D) B Stevens 5-11-0 ... R Strange
10 00-P WHAT A POPSI Miss G Rees 5-10-10 ... Mr N Smith (7)
13 0-2F NABEEH W Clay 4-10-8 ... Diane Clay (7)
14 PIAFFSKY B McMahon 4-10-8 ... T Wall
15 00- SEVERN MANOR W Morris 4-10-8 ... W Morris
17 400- SYMBIOTIC D Wintle 4-10-8 ... A Carroll
20 00 ANITA'S APPLE P Felgate 4-10-3 ... S Johnson
23 0F-0 WHENTHEWINDBLOWS M Dickinson 4-10-3 ... J Barlow
24 0P0P WIRRAL (B) W Charles 4-10-3 ... K Burke

4-5 Flaming Pearl, 9-2 Bonfire, 8-1 Symbiotic, 12-1 Nabeeh, Piaffsky, 16-1 others.

2.0 DENTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,584: 3m 2f) (5)

3 0-03 COVENT GARDEN (B,C,D) W Clay 8-11-10 ... S J O'Neill
4 130- ROYSCRIPT J Chugg 9-11-5 ... M Bowlby
5 23-P RANDOMLY C J Bell 7-10-13 ... M Dwyer
8 1F/F DAY OF WISHES W A Stephenson 10-10-0 ... K Jones
9 F0-3 NINETEEN SHILLINGS Denys Smith 7-10-0 ... C Grant

Evens Covent Garden, 100-30 Royscript, 4-1 Randomly, 7-1 Nineteen Shillings, 14-1 Day Of Wishes.

2.30 BURTON JOYCE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£685: 2m) (12)

2 00/ SANDALENT D Gandolfo 5-11-0 ... N Fearn
5 MOON JESTER C Holmes 6-11-0 ... —
7 /0-0 POLEMISTIS M James 7-11-0 ... Sharron James
8 020- SPIGOT SHAFT D Wintle 6-11-0 ... I Shoemark
11 4P COUSIN CUTHBERT R Woodhouse 4-10-11 ... R Garrity
12 2F28 PARIS MATCH J Jenkins 4-10-11 ... H Jenkins
14 00- RIVERSIDE WRITER K Bridgwater 4-10-11 ... K Ryan
15 U- TYNE AND WEAR Denys Smith 4-10-11 ... P Richmond
16 0 YOUNG BRUSS C J Bell 4-10-11 ... A Mulholland
17 DEEANDEMMTIP (V) F Gibson 8-10-9 ... R Balfour
18 COUNSELLERS GIRL N Henderson 4-10-6 ... M Bowlby
19 0 FRIENDLY BEE J Glover 4-10-6 ... S Harris

9-4 Counsellers Girl, 5-2 Paris Match, 4-1 Spigot Shaft, 5-1 Cousin Cuthbert, 8-1 Tyne And Wear, 14-1 others.

3.0 FRANCES LILIAN RILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,601: 2m 74yd) (6)

2 -021 JUST ALICK M H Easterby 7-11-9 ... L Wyer
3 12-0 ALDRO (CD) W Clay 10-11-6 ... S J O'Neill
4 31-4 MAID OF MOYODE J Webber 7-10-9 ... G Mernagh
6 02F7 KING HUSTLER W Clay 9-10-7 ... —
7 -860 BURGLARS WALK (C-D) Denys Smith 6-10-4 ... C Grant
9 3423 POSTDYNE (CD) W G Mann 11-10-0 ... —

11-10 Maid of Moyode, 13-8 Just Alick, 7-2 Aldro, 10-1 Postdyne, 16-1 Burglars Walk, 20-1 King Hustler.

3.30 ASLOCKTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,802: 2m 4f) (15)

1 40-3 DARK IVY G W Richards 10-11-10 ... P Tuck
2 80-3 EBORACUM (D) B Wilkinson 8-11-10 ... G Harker
4 410- JAMES MY BOY (CD) M Dickinson 6-11-8 ... J Barlow
5 18-0 ROCKY'S GAL (CD) W Holden 5-11-6 ... K Townsend (7)
9 0P-9 SIR LUCKY (B) B McMahon 7-10-11 ... T Wall
11 -8P2 STRAY SHOT G Hubbard 8-10-10 ... Miss G Armytage (4)
12 0-40 NORTHERN RULER H Whiting 4-10-8 ... K Sims
14 24-0 BICKERSTAFFE M W Easterby 5-10-8 ... L Wyer
19 0021- ASTICOT D Wintle 4-10-0 (6ex) ... A Carroll
20 412/ SHARP TOR (C) M W Easterby 8-10-0 ... A Stringer
22 0-F0 STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT C Nash 11-10-0 ... B Powell
24 0000 CHEEKY RUN (B) F Jackson 7-10-0 ... S J O'Neill
25 300/ ROYAL CHARGE D Wellcome 5-10-0 ... J Duggan
29 00-3 MR STEADFAST J Leigh 4-10-0 ... P Blackburn
31 P0F- FAIR CITY F Gibson 9-10-0 ... R Balfour

7-4 Mr Steadfast, 4-1 Asticot, 5-1 Eboracum, 6-1 Northern Ruler, 8-1 Dark Ivy, 10-1 Stray Shot, Bickerstaffe, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; N Henderson, 7 from 26, 26.9%; D Gandolfo, 8 from 32, 25.0%; G Richards, 17 from 76, 22.4%; M W Easterby, 5 from 29, 17.2%; B McMahon, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Tuck, 14 winners from 105 rides, 13.3%; S J O'Neill, 12 from 172, 7.0%, (Only two qualifiers).

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FOOTBALL

Anderson throws down the gauntlet as City throw in the towel

By Clive White

Arsenal 3
Manchester City 0

Like Mike Tyson, Arsenal keep bowling them over. But unlike the newest boxing sensation who is moving irrefutably towards uncontested supremacy, Arsenal's claims to their title remain very much disputed — as usual by their own manager and, more surprisingly, by Manchester City, their tenth and latest victims in 13 unbeaten matches.

City, third from bottom of the table are, of course, in no position to criticize Arsenal. They left Highbury in as battered a state as Henry Cooper did 20 years ago after a similarly forlorn attempt to halt the progress of youth. At least Cooper had more justification in claiming "he never hurt me" after his defeat against Clay, than City against Arsenal.

"If Arsenal are top of the League we've got no worries about relegation," was the non-sequitur offered by Jimmy Frizzell, the Manchester City manager. Someone had better inform him that relegation is invariably decided by what happens at the bottom rather than the top of the division.

His more pertinent observation that "Arsenal play to their strengths by putting the ball into the air where they've got height" still managed to sound like a criticism. He might just as well have said that Tyson plays to his strength by whacking the hell out of his opponent at every available opportunity.

Frizzell would have been nearer the mark if he had protested that the two sides were unfairly matched since Manchester City looked like midgets stuck to sandpaper whenever the spidery Anderson started climbing over them or when the 6ft 6in Quinn merely stood his ground. All three goals come from headers, though, ironically, Quinn had to stoop to get his third in three games.

Considering how comprehensively the City defence were outdistanced, the criticism by Clements, their long-suffering defender, was unseemly: "They're like Watford the way they belt the ball up to the giant and then compete for it. They don't squeeze you like Liverpool do." McNab, who was fortunate to stay around long enough for a close-up study of the opposition given his frequent indiscretions, was similarly stingy with his praise.

But no one received more brickbats than Suckling, the City goalkeeper, for not dominating his six-yard box in the land of the giants. "Some might excuse him because of the wind but I wouldn't," Frizzell remarked frostily. In again refusing to recognize their championship potential, George Graham, the most significantly reluctant Arsenal admirer, at least conceded that his team were "super" for 20 minutes in the second half. "If we had got into top gear we would have won more comfortably," he said.

Where credit was most due but generally unforthcoming was to the remarkable Arsenal defence, which was again the match-saver and not for the first time, the match-winner. Their mean record of six goals conceded in the last 16 matches sounds to me like the right sort of foundations on which to base a championship argument.

Anderson, with his third goal in his last four matches, laid down the gauntlet to his forwards while Adams's fourth goal of the season came in the midst of another superbly stubborn defensive display against a Manchester City side who, for all their carping, looked far too good to go down.

Defence is Arsenal's real strength and one should not forget that as in boxing the secret is not to get hit.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; V Anderson, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, N Quinn (sub: P Merson), I Allinson, M Hayes.
MANCHESTER CITY: P Suckling; J Gidman, C Wilson, K Clements, M McCarthy, A Grealish, G Baker, N McNab, D White, P Moulden, P Simpson.
Referee: B Hill.

On opposite paths: Hayes (right), of the League leaders, Arsenal, beats McCarthy and McNab of third-from-bottom City

Delighting ethical senses

By Simon Jones

Nottingham Forest 3
Wimbledon 2

No matter how much we yearn for justice to be done in sport, it is rarely so. As in life, the wrong-doer is often penalized haphazardly and hardly ever does the punishment fit the crime.

Yet, on occasions, football can delight the ethical sense and so it was at the City Ground. For almost an hour Wimbledon had struggled bravely to contain the home side but, with increasing frequency as they tired, they crossed the border that lies between enthusiasm and wilful foul play.

With the score at 2-2, Clough went past Gayle as nimbly as a man stepping over a drunk in a doorway. Then, as the Forest forward advanced on goal, he suffered a disgracefully late tackle by the Wimbledon centre half. Surprisingly, the referee (who had replaced the limping Mr Tyldsley after half-time), chose only to book Gayle and Forest received poor compensation with the award of a free kick a couple of yards outside the penalty area.

Enter the balding Metgod, an unlikely figure as an avenging angel. Coolly, he sized up the defensive wall like a tailor measuring for a suit and then threaded the ball into the net off the crossbar.

Earlier on, a victory for Forest had looked unlikely. An extraordinarily self-confident Wimbledon had taken the lead within 90 seconds, Walker missing his tackle on Wise and Fairweather scoring easily. Generally, Forest's defence did not inspire confidence and this aspect of their play must improve if they are to maintain their championship challenge.

As an attacking force, however, they have few equals. After 20 minutes a bewildering dribble by Carr ended with a precise cross which Jones handled — thus making an unfortunate debut — and Clough equalized from the penalty spot.

From then on, Carr had the crowd willing the ball towards him and the efforts of the ungainly Winterburn to catch him looked like someone trying to swat a fly with a shovel. Soon the whole Forest team were buzzing and, on the half hour, Mills finished a brilliant move with a low cross which was turned into his own net by Thorn.

Remarkably, though, Wimbledon began the second half as they had the first, their substitute, Hodges, hitting the bar with a left-foot volley Maradona would have been proud of and then following up to equalize. Then came Metgod's moment and, for the first time, Wimbledon looked thoroughly deflated.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Segers; I Butterworth, B Williams, D Walker, J Metgod, I Bowyer, F Carr, N Webb, N Clough, G Birtles, G Mills.
WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; J Kay, N Winterburn, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, A Clement (sub: G Hodges), D Wise, J Fashanu, W Downes, C Fairweather.
Referee: P Tyldsley (sub: D Wragg).

Calls for Hollins to resign

On a weekend when four of London's seven first division sides were beaten, Chelsea's 3-1 home defeat by the bottom club, Newcastle United, was the most painful. The patience of Chelsea's supporters, as they see their team languishing near the foot of the table, is wearing thin and the main target of their criticism is the manager, John Hollins.

This latest setback led to calls for his resignation and a 9-2 win by Chelsea's reserves at Reading increased the pressure on Hollins to make more first team changes.

Saturday's match began brightly enough for Chelsea with Durie, recalled to the side, giving them the lead. However, the picture changed dramatically when Thomas scored twice for Newcastle and then a goal by Beardsley removed all doubts about the result.

Queen's Park Rangers' 1-0 reverse at Old Trafford was not unexpected as **Manchester United** were anxious to gain their first win under Alex Ferguson. That anxiety probably accounted for several missed chances and United had to be content with a Sivebaek goal from a free kick.

Charlton Athletic's slide continued when **Southampton** beat them 3-1 at Selhurst Park. With Southampton 2-1 ahead, Charlton's goalkeeper, Johns, was sent off 11 minutes from the end for fouling Wallace. Southampton took advantage of Charlton's weakened state to increase their lead through Case.

There were 35 goals in Saturday's first division programme and six of them were at Vicarage Road where **Watford** destroyed **Leicester City** 5-1. Watford had five marksmen in Rostron, Barnes, Falco, Callaghan and Jackett (penalty). Smith made a late reply for Leicester.

TENNIS

Navratilova hovers on brink of defeat

From Barry Wood
New York

Martina Navratilova had her crown knocked askew by Pam Shriver in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims championships here but managed to squeeze through 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 to reach a best-of-five sets final against Steffi Graf.

"I thought it was over," the world No 1 said. "The way Pam was serving 'I said, well this may be it' but I'd as soon lose to her if I had to lose to anyone. But I still wasn't ready to throw the towel in."

That fighting spirit enabled her to pull out her victory in the tenth game of the third set by breaking Miss Shriver's service. Until then the match could have swung either way as Miss Shriver, playing with a new-found confidence, matched Miss Navratilova in many areas.

Both served superbly, returned deeply and displayed great aerobatic skills. In the first set, however, it appeared that the gap that has been narrowing between Miss Navratilova and her friend and doubles partner was once again in danger of becoming a chasm. But from the second set Miss Shriver recaptured her battling qualities and by the third set had Miss Navratilova seriously concerned.

"There's not much between us now," Miss Shriver said. "The last two times we've played it's been 6-4 in the third and I could have won both matches."

Miss Graf regained much of the form that was missing earlier in the week as she turned aside the challenge of Helena Sukova 7-6, 3-6, 6-1.

● Jimmy Connors, the top seed, fell to Scott Davis 6-2, 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the $279,000 Houston men's tournament and lost all possibility of qualifying for next month's Masters tournament in New York. Needing wins in the quarter-final and semi-final to pass Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the grand prix points standings and move into contention for the eighth and final Masters berth, Connors was broken twice in each set and squandered five break points against Davis's service in the first set.

Us and them

Angela Barrett, the first British player to win a Wimbledon singles championship, after the second World War, had a bad line decision in *The Times* on Saturday. Expressing interest in a suggestion that the United States Wightman Cup team should be restricted to players born in today's equivalent of the original 13 British colonies, Mrs Barrett said that this "would give us an outside chance of winning occasionally." Between the written and printed versions the word "us" was somehow transformed into "the US", thus reversing her meaning. The printed version implied wishful thinking by some patriotic British imp engaged in the tricky process of newspaper production. Mrs Barrett's actual comment was more practical.

Tottenham top of the class

By Nicholas Harling

Oxford United 2
Tottenham Hotspur 4

The talk beforehand, the Oxford chairman Robert Maxwell's talk that is after winning his libel action against *Private Eye*, was of infected organs. Afterwards the discussion ranged round all matters infectious, which in the circumstances could only mean positive things — like goals, good football and behaviour.

Not even the referee, Ken Cooper, or the pitch were spared the praise of David Pleat, who could afford to be generous, his team having ended Oxford's previously unbeaten record at The Manor.

From one seat of learning, Tottenham go in the hope of further educating another, Cambridge, on Wednesday. For their Littlewoods Cup tie they will be without Claesen, who pulled a hamstring, but with Clive Allen, still bristling with the type of form that has brought him 14 goals in 16 first division games.

Allen talked of not minding who scores as long as the team is winning, but he is scoring so often that he must be deriving grudging satisfaction. Coupled with the fact that Waddle collected the last two goals after beginning the match so abysmally, Tottenham finished with something to spare.

The only man not to find, or in his case to maintain, a scoring habit seemed to be Aldridge, in the week his name had been linked with Liverpool.

He still helped create the first goal, forcing Clemence into an incomplete save before Leworthy gave Oxford a third-minute lead against his old club. Allen, with a sidefooted effort, following an intricate move, equalized in the fourteenth minute.

When Houghton inexplicably headed a Hoddle cross straight at Allen 11 minutes later, the man who can do no wrong promptly volleyed Tottenham into a lead.

Oxford's resolve had all but been broken by Clemence when Waddle scored his side's third. Although Briggs gave Oxford the scent of a point when he pulled one back, it was from deep, desperate defence that Ardiles, with an exquisite pass, sent Waddle away for the final, flattering flourish.

OXFORD UNITED: S Hardwick; D Langan, N Slatter, L Phillips (sub: W Whitehurst), G Briggs, M Shotton, R Houghton, J Aldridge, D Leworthy, S Reck, K Brock.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; P Allen, M Thomas, J Polston, R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, N Claesen (sub: D Thomas), C Waddle, G Hoddle, O Ardiles.
Referee: K Cooper.

Howe has to reconsider Saudi offer

Don Howe, the England assistant manager, who recently rejected a permanent coaching post in Saudi Arabia during a brief stint there, is now interested in the job. The former Arsenal manager has had a change of heart, after being upset by comments attributed to the chairman of the Football Association's international committee, Dick Wragg.

Wragg advised Howe, who is wanted by the England manager, Bobby Robson as his full-time No 2, to take any job in the offing. Howe said: "The FA chairman, Bert Millichip, intimated to me that Bobby should have a full-time assistant and that I should be the one. I have never been offered a full-time job by the FA but I was offered one of the biggest jobs in football and turned it down, something I regret doing now in view of Mr Wragg's remarks."

Crashing the gears

By Simon O'Hagan

Sheffield Wednesday 1
Luton Town 0

As an exercise in demonstrating the strength in depth of the first division this match was a huge disappointment — lacking in imagination, blighted by Wednesday's offside trap, won by a scrappy goal and played in a spirit of tetchiness which eventually spilled over into violence.

Both sides are among the top nine clubs in the table but the idea that either might win the championship must have seemed faintly ridiculous to any impartial observers at Hillsborough on Saturday.

At their best Wednesday are an exhilarating team, capable of combining relentless pace with impressive understanding. Alas, all we had here were the lurches of a driver who keeps crashing the gears. In the absence of Chamberlain, an omission which clearly does not go down very well with the Wednesday supporters, their attack looked predictable and ponderous and the standard of their crossing was appalling.

Mentally and physically, Luton were by far the nimbler side, but although Brian Stein missed two good first half chances, they never really supported the front two of Mark Stein and Newell, who in any case were repeatedly caught offside. Eventually Wednesday wore Luton down, scoring the decisive goal in the 73rd minute when Chapman headed down Marwood's cross and Megson bundled the ball in.

By that time everybody was pretty fed up, on the field and off it, and in the space of three minutes just before the end a series of nasty exchanges resulted in bookings for Foster, of Luton, and Chapman and Hart, of Wednesday.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, N Worthington, P Hart, L Madden, S Jonsson, B Marwood, G Megson, L Chapman, D Hirst (sub: G Snodin), G Shelton.
LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, R Johnson, P Nicholas, S Foster, M Donaghy, D McDonough, B Stein, M Newell, M Stein, A Grimes (sub: R Wilson).
Referee: I Hendrick.

Advertisement with flaws

By David Powell

West Ham United 1
Aston Villa 1

"It was a great advert for football," Billy McNeill, the Aston Villa manager, suggested. But good advertisements need to convince the buyer that the product is sound, so Villa and West Ham had better get back to the studios. The people who made this one left the flaws exposed: two goals of apparent quality were the consequence of appalling mistakes.

West Ham went ahead when Cottee exercised the close control which complements his prolific scoring to dance round Williams and beat Spink after nine minutes. But what went before was a nightmare for young Norton.

Offered the chance to play a short corner into the space made by Dorigo, Norton opted instead for the direct cross. But it dropped short to McAvennie and Keown, Elliott and Evans, Villa's big three central defenders who had come up for the kill, were left stranded. Ward found Cottee with a 40-yard pass into the hole left unplugged by Dorigo, leaving Norton to pay the price of a goal for a lesson in corner tactics.

In a first half of few genuine chances, Villa threatened only when Thompson was fed high balls into the box. The message for West Ham should have been clear by half-time: keep a tight rein on Thompson and the game is won. But Thompson was allowed his freedom and equalized with a 63rd minute header.

Before too much is made of McAvennie failing to score in 12 of his 16 matches this season, his contribution off the ball remains important. Having said that, there were signs on Saturday that his tally of five goals this season is worrying him. The sign of a frustrated marksman is when he starts to hit speculative shots.

Villa had the best chance to steal a late winner but poor Norton's shot was blocked by Gale. McNeill was not complaining, though. A point from Upton Park is always a good result, whoever you are. And when you are Aston Villa, to take one without a booking or a sending off is achievement indeed.

WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; S Walford, G Parris, A Gale, P Hilton, A Devonshire, M Ward, F McAvennie, A Dickens, A Cottee, K Keen (sub: W Bonds).
ASTON VILLA: N Spink, G Williams, A Dorigo, A Evans, P Elliott, M Keown, D Norton, P Kerr, G Thompson, S Hunt (sub: A Daley), S Hodge.
Referee: A Gunn.

First division

Arsenal	3	Manchester C	0
Charlton	1	Southampton	3
Chelsea	1	Newcastle Utd	3
Coventry	2	Norwich	1
Manchester Utd	1	QPR	0
Nottingham For	3	Wimbledon	2
Oxford	2	Tottenham	4
Sheffield Wed	1	Luton	0
Watford	5	Leicester	1
West Ham	1	Aston Villa	1

Yesterday

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	16	9	4	3	23	8	31
Nottingham For	16	9	2	5	35	22	29
Liverpool	16	8	4	4	34	20	28
West Ham Utd	16	7	6	3	26	23	27
Everton	16	7	5	4	24	17	26
Luton Town	16	7	5	4	19	12	26
Coventry City	16	7	5	4	16	12	26
Norwich City	16	7	5	4	24	23	26
Sheffield Wed	15	5	7	3	29	23	22
Tottenham	16	7	4	5	19	16	25
Watford	16	6	4	6	30	22	22
Oxford United	16	5	6	5	17	26	21
Southampton	16	6	2	8	30	35	20
Wimbledon	16	6	1	9	18	22	19
QPR	16	5	3	8	15	20	18
Aston Villa	17	5	4	8	22	33	18
Manchester Utd	16	4	5	7	17	18	17
Charlton	16	5	2	9	18	28	17
Leicester City	16	4	4	8	18	27	16
Manchester City	16	3	6	7	15	20	15
Chelsea	16	3	6	7	17	28	15
Newcastle Utd	16	3	5	8	15	26	14

GM-Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham	4	Kettering	1
Bath	1	Enfield	3
Boston	1	Weymouth	1
Cheltenham	4	Gateshead	2
Frickley	0	Scarboro	2
Maidstone		Telford	P
Northwich	2	Dagenham	3
Sutton	3	Kidderminster	1
Wealdstone	0	Runcorn	3
Welling	2	Stafford	4

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Alvechurch 0, St Albans 2; Leatherhead 1, Shepshed Charterhouse 0; Leamington 0, Cambridge City 3; Corby 2, Fisher Ath 1; Slough 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Canterbury 0, Harrow Borough 3; Grays 1, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Trowbridge 4, Maidenhead United 0; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Windsor and Eton 0; Fareham 2, Farnborough 1; Basingstoke 1, Weston-super-Mare 1; Wokingham 1, Dorchester 0; Bridgend 1, Saltash 3; Whitley Bay 3, Goole 2; Bedlington Terriers 0, Crook 3; Barking 4, Croydon 1; King's Lynn 1, Nuneaton 1; Aylesbury Utd 4, Leicester United 1; Wembley 2, Crawley 2; Macclesfield 1, Grantham 1; Hyde 3, Mossley 3; Newcastle Blue Star 2, Alfreton 0; Tow Law 1, Rhyl 3; Hednesford 1, Morecambe 3; Consett 1, Leek 2; Barrow 1, North Shields 0; Whitby 1, Southport 1; Blyth Spartans 2, South Liverpool 0. Postponed: Hitchin v Carshalton; Staines v Boreham Wood.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor City 5, Oswestry 0; Burton 5, Witton 2; Buxton 1, Worksop 3; Caernarfon 3, Horwich 0; Chorley 2, Marine 1.

Second division

Brighton	0	Blackburn	2
Derby	2	Sheffield Utd	0
Huddersfield	1	Plymouth	2
Hull	2	Bradford	1
Ipswich	1	Barnsley	0
Oldham	1	Crystal Pal	0
Portsmouth	2	Grimsby	1
Stoke	3	Reading	0
Sunderland	1	Shrewsbury	1
West Bromwich	0	Millwall	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham Ath	16	10	4	2	26	13	34
Portsmouth	16	9	5	2	20	10	32
Plymouth Argyle	16	8	6	2	26	18	30
Derby County	16	9	3	4	21	15	30
Ipswich Town	16	7	5	4	26	21	26
Leeds United	16	7	3	6	20	16	24
Sheffield Utd	16	6	6	4	21	18	24
West Bromwich	16	7	3	6	20	17	24
Hull City	16	7	2	7	17	23	23
Sunderland	16	5	7	4	21	22	22
Grimsby Town	15	5	6	4	18	15	21
Millwall	16	6	2	8	18	18	20
Birmingham City	16	5	5	6	23	24	20
Reading	16	5	4	7	25	25	19
Crystal Pal	16	6	1	9	20	30	19
Bradford City	15	5	3	7	22	24	18
Shrewsbury Tn	16	5	3	8	15	20	18
Stoke City	16	5	2	9	16	19	17
Brighton	16	4	5	7	15	19	17
Huddersfield Tn	16	4	3	9	18	27	15
Blackburn Rvrs	14	4	2	8	15	20	14
Barnsley	16	2	6	8	11	18	12

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove 2, Bedworth 0; Chelmsford 1, Witney 0; Dartford 5, Folkestone 0; Redditch 1, Gosport 0; Worcester 2, Dudley 1. Midland division: Bilston 1, Gloucester 2; Bridgnorth 3, Wellingborough 2; Forest Green 2, Halesowen 1; Mile Oak 0, VS Rugby 0; Rushden 1, Moor Green 4; Stourbridge 0, Coventry Sporting 2; Sutton Coldfield 1, Buckingham 3. Southern division: Andover 2, Ruislip 2; Burnham and Hillingdon 1, Chatham 1; Dunstable 0, Hastings 3; Erith and Belvedere 1, Woodford 1; Poole 1, Dover 3; Thanet 2, Waterlooville 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton 5, Portsmouth 1; Reading 2, Chelsea 9; Tottenham 1, Ipswich 2. Postponed: Southampton v West Ham.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 0, Corinthian-Casuals 0; Southgate 5, Beaconsfield 1; Beckton 0, Brimsdown 0; Crown and Manor 4, Edgware 0; Danson 1, Northwood 0; Ulysses 0, Yeading 2; Redhill 1, Hanwell 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 4, Newry 3; Carrick 2, Crusaders 4; Cliftonville 1, Larne 1; Distillery 3, Bangor 1; Glenavon 0, Coleraine 1; Glentoran 3, Linfield 1; Ballymena 0, Portadown 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, Watford 1; Chelsea 2, Arsenal 3; Gillingham 1, Charlton 1; Orient 3, Ipswich 2; Queen's Park Rangers 0, Norwich 0; Tottenham 6, Portsmouth 0. Second division: Bournemouth 0, Crystal Palace 2; Reading 0, Colchester 4; Swindon 4, Tottenham 4; Wimbledon 2, Southend 1.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury 1, Histon 0; Great Yarmouth 3, Newmarket 1; Lowestoft 1, March 0; Soham 2, Gorleston 1; Sudbury 2, Wootton 2; Thetford 1, Ely 1; Wisbech 1, Stowmarket 2. Postponed: Colchester v Chatteris.

Third division

Bournemouth	2	Chesterfield	0
Brentford	1	Blackpool	1
Bristol City	0	Rotherham	1
Bury	1	Swindon	2
Carlisle	1	Fulham	3
Chester	3	Bristol Rovers	1
Darlington	1	Wigan	0
Doncaster	2	Port Vale	1
Gillingham	3	Notts County	1
Mansfield	2	Bolton	2
Newport	0	Middlesbrough	1
York	1	Walsall	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	17	10	5	2	30	14	35
Gillingham	16	10	4	2	22	10	34
Bournemouth	16	10	3	3	25	17	33
Blackpool	16	8	5	3	30	16	29
Notts County	17	8	4	5	29	20	28
Swindon Town	16	8	4	4	27	22	28
Doncaster Rvrs.	17	8	3	6	26	21	27
Mansfield Town	15	5	9	1	16	13	24
Bristol City	15	6	5	4	23	12	23
Wigan Ath	17	7	1	9	27	30	22
York City	17	6	4	7	22	31	22
Chesterfield	17	6	3	8	25	33	21
Bristol Rovers	16	5	5	6	20	23	20
Fulham	17	5	5	7	23	29	20
Walsall	16	5	4	7	31	32	19
Brentford	16	5	4	7	20	24	19
Carlisle Utd	17	5	4	8	17	25	19
Newport County	15	4	5	6	23	25	17
Bolton Wandrs	17	4	5	8	23	26	17
Chester	17	2	11	4	17	23	17
Darlington	15	4	4	7	16	24	16
Rotherham Utd	17	4	3	10	14	27	15
Bury	16	3	5	8	19	24	14
Port Vale	17	3	5	9	23	29	14

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1, Wycombe 4; Bognor 3, Bromley 2; Hendon 2, Kingstonian 0; Walthamstow 0, Yeovil 4; Worthing 2, Hayes 2. First division: Basildon 4, Finchley 2; Epsom and Ewell 3, Tilbury 2; Hampton 1, Bracknell 0; Lewes 1, Kingsbury 0; Southwick 2, Leytonstone/Ilford 2; Stevenage 4, Billericay 2; Uxbridge 2, Walton and Hersham 1. Postponed: Leyton-Wingate v Oxford City. Second division north: Barton 1, Hertford 2; Chesham 1, Aveley 1; Collier Row 2, Hemel Hempstead 0; Letchworth 3, Vauxhall Motors 0; Rainham 2, Berkhamsted 0; Tring 0, Royston 1; Ware 4, Cheshunt 2. Second division south: Eastbourne United 0, Harefield 0; Egham 2, Camberley 1; Feltham 1, Petersfield 0; Flackwell Heath 0, Chalfont St Peter 0; Marlow 0, Hungerford 1; Metropolitan Police 1, Ruislip Manor 1; Molesey 0, Chertsey 3; Whyteleafe 0, Dorking 2; Woking 5, Newbury 0. Postponed: Southall v Horsham.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill 0, Brackley 4; Baldock 1, Stamford 0; Bourne 2, Northampton Spencer 3; Irthlingborough 1, Arlesey 1; Potton 1, Lock Buckby 2; Rothwell 3, St Neot's 0; Spalding 2, Desborough 4; Stotfold 2, S and L Corby 0; Wootton 4, Eynesbury 3. League Cup: Timken Ath 1, Raunds 0; Holbeach 0, Kempston 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians 2, Old Malvernians 2; Old Etonians 3, Old Brentwoods 0; Lancing OB 5, Old Chigwellians 4.

Fourth division

Aldershot	2	Rochdale	1
Burnley	3	Lincoln	1
Cambridge	1	Peterborough	1
Northampton		Exeter City	P
Preston	2	Southend	0
Stockport	2	Cardiff	0
Swansea	1	Hartlepool	0
Torquay	1	Hereford	1
Tranmere	3	Crewe	2
Wolverhampton	0	Wrexham	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	16	13	2	1	42	22	41
Swansea City	17	10	4	3	29	16	34
Southend Utd	16	9	3	4	29	16	30
Preston N-End	16	8	3	5	24	21	27
Wrexham	14	7	5	2	30	16	26
Colchester Utd	17	7	5	5	29	26	26
Exeter City	16	5	9	2	20	11	24
Aldershot	17	7	3	7	27	24	24
Lincoln City	17	6	6	5	20	24	24
Tranmere Rvrs	17	6	5	6	24	24	23
Wolverhampton	17	7	2	8	18	20	23
Scunthorpe Utd	16	6	4	6	27	24	22
Burnley	17	6	4	7	19	25	22
Hereford Utd	17	5	6	6	18	21	21
Crewe Alex	17	4	8	5	29	25	20
Orient	16	6	2	8	18	24	20
Cambridge Utd	16	4	7	5	25	26	19
Cardiff City	16	4	7	5	15	21	19
Peterborough	17	4	6	7	20	22	18
Halifax Town	17	5	3	9	20	26	18
Hartlepool Utd	17	3	7	7	19	26	16
Rochdale	15	2	7	6	12	19	13
Torquay Utd	17	2	7	8	18	31	13
Stockport	16	2	3	11	9	32	9

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Utd 0, Viking Sports 1; Bicester 3, Abingdon Town 3; Fairford 1, Wantage 3; Morris Motors 2, Sharpness 2; Pegasus Juniors 1, Rayners Lane 2; Shortwood 8, Hounslow 1; Supermarine 0, Moreton 2; Thame 3, Wallingford 1; Yate 4, Penhill 0.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 1, Shoreham 0; Chichester 3, Peacehaven 1; Haywards Heath 5, Midhurst 1; Horsham YMCA 1, Arundel 5; Hailsham 1, Littlehampton 3; Lancing 1, Portfield 0; Whitehawk 2, Eastbourne Town 1; Wick 2, Three Bridges 5.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 1, Barnstaple 1; Chippenham 1, Liskeard 0; Clandown 0, Exmouth 5; Dawlish 1, Radstock 1; Frome 1, Melksham 1; Mangotsfield 1, Bideford 2; Paulton 2, Bristol City 4; Plymouth Argyle 7, Chard 1; Torrington 2, Taunton 2. Postponed: Clevedon v Minehead.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Concours Trophy: Second round: Cobham 3, Merstham 2; Cove 5, Virginia Water 2; Farley Rovers 3, Chobham 1; Farnham 5, Malden Vale 2; Godalming 5, Cranley 0; Malden Town 0, Hartley Wintney 4; Westfield 2, Ash Utd 4. Premier division: BAe (Weybridge) 0, Horley 3; Frimley Green 1, Chipstead 1.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Easington 3, Brandon 0; Gretna 1, South Bank 0; Hartlepool 0, Spennymoor 0; Peterlee 0, Chester Le Street 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley 1, Winsford 1; Clitheroe 1, Fleetwood 2; Congleton 2, Radcliffe 0; Eastwood Hanley 2, Leyland Motors 2; Glossop 0, Burscough 3; Irlam 0, Curzon Ashton 2. Postponed: Rossendale v St Helens.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Rangers	0
Celtic	4	Falkirk	2
Clydebank	2	Motherwell	3
Dundee Utd	1	Hibernian	0
Hamilton	1	St Mirren	1
Hearts	3	Dundee	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	19	15	3	1	44	11	33
Dundee Utd	20	12	5	3	34	15	29
Hearts	20	11	6	3	30	16	28
Rangers	19	11	3	5	32	11	25
Aberdeen	19	9	6	4	32	16	24
Dundee	20	9	3	8	25	21	21
St Mirren	20	6	8	6	18	18	20
Motherwell	20	4	8	8	22	33	16
Falkirk	20	4	6	10	18	30	14
Hibernian	20	4	5	11	18	39	13
Clydebank	20	4	2	14	14	43	10
Hamilton	19	0	3	16	11	42	3

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Brentwood 2, Eton Manor 1; Sawbridgeworth 0, Ford 0. Postponed: Canvey Island v Maldon; East Thurrock v East Ham; Stansted v Burnham; Witham v Chelmsford. League Cup: Second round: Woodford 2, Purfleet 3 (aet).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 0, Bridlington Town 1; Bridlington Trinity 1, Bentley VW 1; Denaby 1, Thackley 1; Eastwood 1, Brigg 2; Harrogate 1, Pontefract Collieries 1; Long Eaton 2, Emley 2; North Ferriby 0, Belper 0; Sutton Town 1, Armthorpe Welfare 3.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Second round: Brightlingsea Utd 0, Heybridge Swifts 5; Hornchurch 2, Barkingside 1; Wivenhoe 0, Halstead 2; Braintree 3, Bowers Utd 1; Tiptree Utd 3, Waltham Abbey 2. Postponed: Clapton v Saffron Walden; Pennant v Harlow.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: Second preliminary round: Billingham Synthonia 1, Ryhope CA 2. Replay: Coundon 3, Esh Winning 4.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second round: Bedfordshire 2, Cambridgeshire 0; Norfolk 1, Hertfordshire 1 (aet).

Scottish first division

Airdrie	3	Dunfermline	0
Brechin	0	Partick	1
Clyde	0	Kilmarnock	0
East Fife	0	Dumbarton	0
Morton	0	Forfar	0
Queen of Sth	1	Montrose	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumbarton	21	12	3	6	35	24	27
Dunfermline	21	11	5	5	30	20	27
East Fife	21	7	10	4	35	31	24
Morton	21	9	5	7	39	28	23
Airdrieonians	21	9	4	8	28	26	22
Queen of Sth	21	7	8	6	31	31	22
Forfar Ath	21	7	7	7	33	33	21
Partick	21	6	8	7	28	29	20
Kilmarnock	21	7	5	9	29	26	19
Clyde	21	4	11	6	22	26	19
Brechin City	21	7	3	11	23	37	17
Montrose	21	3	5	13	16	38	11

Scottish second division

Albion	0	St Johnstone	2
Ayr	1	Alloa	0
East Stirling	0	Berwick	1
Raith	2	Meadowbank	3
Stenhousemuir	0	Arbroath	1
Stirling	4	Cowdenbeath	1
Stranraer	2	Queen's Park	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith Rovers	16	8	7	1	37	20	23
Alloa Athletic	16	10	2	4	26	21	22
Meadowbank	16	9	3	4	26	12	21
Stirling Alb	16	8	5	3	20	10	21
Albion Rovers	16	9	2	5	27	24	20
Ayr United	16	8	4	4	23	22	20
St Johnstone	16	5	7	4	25	24	17
Stranraer	16	5	6	5	23	17	16
Queen's Park	16	4	6	6	22	25	14
Cowdenbeath	16	6	2	8	20	25	14
Stenhousemuir	16	3	4	9	15	24	10
Arbroath	16	4	2	10	18	32	10
Berwick	16	2	5	9	19	30	9
East Stirling	16	1	5	10	11	26	7

YESTERDAY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Shepshed 1, Fareham 0.

North are dominant

By George Chesterton

Independent Schools North beat Independent Schools South 4-1 yesterday in blustery conditions at Wolverhampton Grammar School. After early sparring it was the hard-working Allen who had the North's first shot at goal. He, Willetts and McNamara combined well throughout the game.

McNamara, having made two good opportunities, deserved the chance to score from a loose ball and made no mistake about it to put the North one up after 20 minutes.

In the quarter of an hour before half-time the South looked threatening and Lee made ground to head against the Northern bar. Douglas-Pennant equalized from the rebound.

In the second half the Northern forwards, now supported by Griffiths in midfield and with the wind in their favour, looked more dangerous. After five minutes, Round cashed in on a defensive error to make it 2-1 and 15 minutes later scored again with a header from a corner.

Just before the final whistle McNamara scored the goal of the match. Willetts made a fine run down the left coolly pulled the ball back with an excellent cross giving McNamara the time to choose his spot and make the final score 4-1.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS NORTH SQUAD: R Crawshaw (Hulme GS), R Langford (WGS), S Round (Bolton GS), M Boden (Bolton GS), D Gregson (QEGS), D Owen (Bolton GS), P Allen (WGS), D Anderson (Repton), N McNamara (QEGS), S Duckett (QEGS), D Willetts (Bolton GS), M Griffiths (Shrewsbury), D Peters (WGS).
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SOUTH SQUAD: S Platt (Chigwell), D Michael (Highgate), S Holliday (Millfield), S Andreas (Forest), Q Hansard (Forest), R Lear (KES Witley), I Woodhead (Millfield), A Lee (Chigwell), J Brambach (OE Guernsey), H Douglas-Pennant (Malvern), G Roberts (OE Guernsey), C Jenkins (Charterhouse).
Referee: P Evans (Wolverhampton).

GYMNASTICS

Bulgaria find rhythm

By Peter Aykroyd

Bulgaria captured the main honours at the Errey's rhythmic gymnastic international at Wembley Conference Centre on Saturday when Bianca Panova, the joint European champion, and Adriana Dunavaska, her outstanding colleague, took first and second places with almost effortless technical ability.

Miss Panova's versability was balanced by her harmony and flowing grace as a dancer and she made full use of varying musical accompaniment on all four pieces. Her ball and ribbon routines at 9.95 each scored the top marks of the day, the latter executed to a jungle-drum beat.

Jacqueline Leavy, the British No 2, shared fifth position with Michaela Imperatori, of Italy. Miss Leavy's spirited ribbon exercise earned her a worthwhile 9.60.

RESULTS: 1, B. Panova (Bul) 39.70; 2, A Dunavaska (Bul) 39.45; 3, F Dumitrescu (Rom) 38.55; 4, I Lloret (Sp) 38.20; 5 equal, J Leavy (GB) and M Imperatori (It) 39.00; 7 equal, A Bautista (Sp) and M Trnlikova (Cz) 37.95.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Women press strong claims

Women's weightlifting took off in spectacular fashion at Crystal Palace at the weekend when a keenly-contested, inaugural British Women's Championship provided the selectors with a chance to see the leading lifters in the country in action (Chris Thau writes).

At the end of the tournament the 12-strong Great Britain squad for the next year's World Championship in the United States was announced.

RESULTS: 48kg: M Hughes, 100kg; 52kg: P Haughton, 125kg; 56kg: M Forteath, 120kg; 60kg: S Jones, 127.5kg; 67.5kg: K Dowkins, 127.5kg; 75kg: M Lynes, 150kg; 82.5kg: J Oakes, 193.5kg; 82.5+kg: W Dunsford, 100kg.

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YACHTING

Poupon cruises towards victory

Philippe Poupon, the French skipper of the British-designed trimaran, Fleury Michon VIII, looked set to win the Route du Rhum single-handed transatlantic race, last night, with a day to spare over the second placed catamaran Ericsson, sailed by compatriot Bruno Peyron (Barry Pickthall writes).

Poupon was speeding along at over 14 knots, only 173 miles from the Guadeloupe finish line. Peyron trailed Poupon by 400 miles but was a further 170 miles astern of thirdplaced Canadian Mike Birch sailing TAG Heuer.

POOLS CHECK

1-1	2-1½	3-1½	4-1	5-1	6-1	7-1½	8-1	9-1	10-3	11-1½	12-1	13-1½	14-1	15-1	16-1	17-1	18-1	19-3	20-1½	21-1	22-3	23-1½	24-1½	25-1	26-1	27-1	28-1	29-3
30-1½	31-1	32-1	33-3	34-1½	35-1	36-1	37-1	38-1	39-1½	40-3	41-1	42-1½	43-1½	44-1	45-1	46-1½	47-1	48-3	49-1	50-1	51-1½	52-2	53-2	54-2	55-1	56-1½	57-1	58-1½

CRICKET: AUSTRALIAN STATE SIDE PUT MEDIOCRE TOURISTS TO SHAME

England without defence after sinking into the old routine

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Newcastle, New South Wales

It has not taken England long to sink back into the gully from which they emerged to win the first Test match. New South Wales beat them here yesterday by eight wickets, with a day and a half to spare, after bowling them out in their second innings for 82 – the lowest total made by an English side in Australia since the tour of 1936-37.

England had been sufficiently outplayed since Saturday morning to feel some relief that they will not be facing the same opposition, particularly the New South Wales bowlers, in the second Test match starting in Perth on Friday.

There was no comparison between the way Whitney and Gilbert bowled in England's second innings on Saturday and how England bowled yesterday, or for that matter with how Australia bowled in Brisbane. The Australian side for Friday is due to be announced this afternoon, and it can and should be strengthened.

Gatting said that after a Test match leading players could find it difficult to become motivated. The captain was not playing himself, and he can hardly have expected to convince anyone in his defence of those who were. Anyway, Athey, Broad, Slack, Whitaker, Foster, French and Small had everything to play for. It was not a good pitch, *but it was no worse for one* side than the other and nothing like bad enough to account for the way England were skittled out in their second innings.

Their opening batsmen, Broad and Athey, were both leg before without a run on the board to balls well pitched up to them that swung. Although Slack took slightly more dislodging, 37 for seven was a laughable score. As in the first innings, Whitaker played a firm stroke or two before getting out, caught at slip. He looked to be committing himself to the front foot, when batting in Australia is more of a back-foot game.

ENGLAND XI: First innings 197

Second innings

B C Broad lbw b Gilbert 0
C W J Athey lbw b Whitney 0
W N Slack b Gilbert 18
J J Whitaker c Waugh b Whitney 6
D I Gower c Holland b Whitney 0
I T Botham b Gilbert 6
†B N French lbw b Whitney 0
*J E Emburey c Dyer b Whitney 6
P H Edmonds not out 17
N A Foster b Holland 0
G C Small lbw b Gilbert 14
Extras (lb 10, nb 5) 15
Total 82

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-22, 4-22, 5-24, 6-25, 7-37, 8-53, 9-57, 10-82.
BOWLING: Gilbert 14.4-3-26-4; Whitney 17-4-39-5; Lawson 4-3-2-0; Holland 2-1-5-1.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings

S M Small c Edmonds b Emburey 8
M A Taylor st French b Emburey 4
R G Holland c French b Edmonds 36
*D M Wellham lbw b Foster 18
M D O'Neill b Foster 0
G R J Matthews b Emburey 25
S R Waugh c French b Small 47
†G C Dyer b Edmonds 4
G F Lawson c French b Small 26
D R Gilbert not out 10
M R Whitney c French b Foster 1
Extras (lb 1, nb 1) 2
Total 181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-15, 3-43, 4-43, 5-86, 6-110, 7-118, 8-165, 9-170, 10-181.
BOWLING: Small 17-7-23-2; Foster 15.4-6-30-3; Emburey 29-9-65-3; Edmonds 31-13-55-2; Botham 2-0-7-0.

Second Innings

S M Small c Edmonds b Foster 9
M A Taylor c Slack b Edmonds 31
*D M Wellham not out 29
M D O'Neill not out 13
Extras (b 12, lb 3, nb 2) 17
Total (2 wkts) 99

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-57.
BOWLING: Botham 3-1-7-0; Foster 13.1-7-24-1; Small 1-0-5-0; Emburey 15-7-16-0; Edmonds 16-4-32-1.
Umpires: R French and A Marshall.

Gower pulled his second ball, which was marginally short, hard but straight to mid-on. It would have helped had he knuckled down, which Botham seemed prepared to do until, driving wishfully at the pitch of the ball, he was bowled by Gilbert.

The best partnership of the innings was the last, in which Edmonds and Small took the score from 53 for nine to 82. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that Small looked the best batsman of the side. Even he, though, was hit a painful blow on the foot, which prevented him from bowling more than one over when New South Wales went in, at 11.10, to make 99 to win.

It was announced before play started that if the match was over by 2.30 the sides would play a limited-overs game of 25 overs each. England were known not to be keen about this, their reason being the somewhat spurious one that the pitch would further have undermined their batsmen's confidence.

But with New South Wales taking 20.1 overs of the afternoon to score the remaining 36 runs they needed, as though they, too, would rather call it a day, and England in no hurry to bowl their overs, it was 10 minutes past the deadline when Wellham made the winning hit.

Whereas Whitney and Gilbert had bowled straight, fairly fast and to a good length, Foster was altogether more erratic. Emburey, leading the side for the first time in a first-class match, was also some way below his best, as was French behind the stumps. Emburey seemed intent on bowling flat, thinking the pitch too slow for him to throw the ball up, and when he strayed down the leg side French was ill at ease. The 12 byes which the wicketkeeper allowed were all off Emburey.

The whole thing smacked of mediocrity.

It is no disgrace to lose to New South Wales – this was, in fact, the thirteenth time it has happened since the two sides first played 11-a-side matches in 1877.

The last time was in 1962-63 when MCC lost by an innings after making 348 on the first day and Benaud took seven for 18 in their second innings. Against an attack of Trueman, Statham, Allen, Illingworth and Dexter, New South Wales declared at 532 for six – Norman O'Neill, whose son saw the state side home yesterday, scoring a brilliant 143. That, too, was depressing, but it was not fatal.

While amazed at the way the touring side buckled, Australians point to Brisbane and say that England are never more dangerous than when they have seemed in disarray. We, for our part, know better than that. The batting is nothing if not vulnerable, and it is no help at all that no one played a worthwhile innings on this visit to Newcastle.

In the most perfect weather (a complete contrast to last Friday and Saturday), England's defeat was received with a curious indifference by a good crowd. They had been absorbed during the anticipation of it, yet they greeted it quietly when it came, except for a handful who gave England the bird. Had the main surfing carnival of the Australian year not been in progress just down the road, to provide alternative and more spectacular entertainment, more might have been upset than were at being denied a knockabout game.

Simon Cope battles through the mud and rain of the London cyclo-cross championship at Crystal Palace yesterday. His efforts were unrewarded: the race was won by Arno van Boeygen, of the Netherlands, and the London round of the European Challenge was won by Bruno Lebras, of France (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Imran's ambitions recede as Pakistan drop their catches

From Richard Streeton, Karachi

Imran Khan's burning ambition to win the third Test match here with West Indies, and with it the series, in what is his last home Test, receded here on Saturday. Pakistan dropped crucial catches and he himself was plagued with a stomach upset.

Only 11 hours remain and with the pitch unexpectedly becoming easier, the teams spent yesterday's rest day conscious that a draw has become the most probable result. The series stands at 1-1.

Once the sides level-pegged on first innings, Pakistan's hopes rested on taking control when West Indies went in again half an hour before tea.

Greenidge went cheaply but Haynes and Richardson ensured nothing further untoward happened. West Indies resume today 85 runs ahead with nine wickets in hand, with two days left.

Imran, who has been appointed captain for the forthcoming one-day tournaments in Sharjah and Perth, and also for the tour to India in January, had the strength to bowl only three overs. After that he turned to his spinners, whose close catchers let them down. It was disciplined, effective batting by West Indies and a sad period of play for Pakistan.

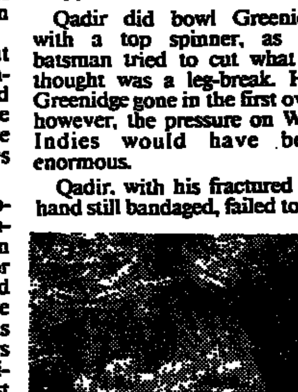
Cricket can be a maddening game and it was Ramiz Raja who ran the full gamut of fate's ironies. *His* sheet anchor 62 (two fours), spread through 97 overs and 408 minutes, ensured that Pakistan avoided any first innings deficit, even if he was not entirely blameless in the unfortunate run-out of Miandad on Friday.

He also, perhaps should have tried to score faster in the closing stages. *He* reached his fifty, the statisticians will want to know, in 317 minutes, second only in the record books to Trevor Bailey's 357 minutes at Brisbane in 1958-59.

When West Indies batted, though, it was Ramiz who dropped Greenidge at deep square leg from Imran's second ball, and later he should have held Haynes at short leg off Qadir. The leg-spinner was also the bowler when *Mudassar* dropped Richardson at slip.

Qadir did bowl Greenidge with a top spinner, as the batsman tried to cut what he thought was a leg-break. Had Greenidge gone in the first over, however, the pressure on West Indies would have been enormous.

Qadir, with his fractured left hand still bandaged, failed to get the same turn as he did on Thursday and there is no doubt that the pitch is playing slower and lower than earlier in the *match. Whether West Indies* will be able to score quickly enough today to give themselves enough time to bowl Pakistan out a second time remains to be seen.



Imran: stomach upset

Earlier Qadir, batting one-handed, swatted eight runs as Pakistan got to within one run of the West Indies total. Butts mostly bowled one end, while Richards used pace at the other, as the innings ran its course. Qadir will not play in Sharjah next week in order to make certain he recovers fully for the rest of Pakistan's heavy programme in the coming weeks.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 240 (I V A Richards 70; Abdul Qadir 4 for 107).

Second Innings

C G Greenidge b Abdul Qadir 8
D L Haynes not out 46
R B Richardson not out 21
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 2) 9
Total (1 wkt) 84

FALL OF WICKET: 1-38.
BOWLING: Imran 3-0-11-0; Salim Jaffer 3-0-12-0; Qadir 12-3-23-1; Tauseef 10-1-29-0; Asif 3-2-2-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar b Gray 16
Mohsin Khan c Richards b Marshall 1
Ramiz Raja c Harper b Butts 62
Javed Miandad run out 76
*Imran Khan lbw b Butts 1
Asif Mujtaba c Dujon b Marshall 12
Qasim Omar c Richardson b Butts 5
†Salim Yousuf c Walsh b Butts 22
Tauseef Ahmad c Richardson b Gray 3
Salim Jaffer b Gray 9
Abdul Qadir not out 8
Extras (b 9, lb 12, nb 2, w 1) 24
Total 239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-29, 3-140, 4-145, 5-172, 6-179, 7-215, 8-218, 9-222, 10-239.
BOWLING: Marshall 33-9-57-2; Gray 21.1-5-40-3; Harper 7-0-31-0; Walsh 11-2-17-0; Butts 38-15-73-4.
Umpires: P D Reporter and V K Ramaswamy.

Bowler is pressing for recall

Sydney (Reuter) – The Queensland fast bowler, Craig McDermott, omitted from Australia's side for the first Test match against England, pressed his claims for a recall when he took six for 89 against Victoria on the third day of their Sheffield Shield match at Wangaratta yesterday.

McDermott, the spearhead of the Australian attack in England last year, has been plagued since by problems with his run-up and did not take a wicket in either of the two Tests he played in India in the recent series. But he looked to be back in form as Victoria slumped to 334 all out in reply to Queensland's first innings of 523.

Jamie Siddons hit his second century in Shield matches with an unbeaten 108 but his efforts were not enough to avoid the follow-on. At the close, Victoria were 33 for no wicket in their second innings.

In Devonport, a fighting 68 not out by Glenn Hughes enabled Tasmania to struggle to 124 for three in their second innings against Western Australia. The home side need a further 42 to make Western Australia bat again today.

● Bloemfontein (Reuter) – Alvin Kallicharran held up Kim Hughes's rebel Australian cricketers with a magnificent century for Orange Free State yesterday. After the Australians declared at 412 for nine, Kallicharran, a rebel himself once when he made two tours of South Africa with the unofficial West Indians, came in at 23 for two and finished on 101 not out.

SCORES: Australian XI 412 for 9 dec (K J Hughes 100, J. Dyson 79, T.V. Hohns 50 not out), Orange Free State 186 for 3 (A.I. Kallicharran 101 not out).

RUGBY LEAGUE

A glimmer of hope rises up from the cinders of defeat

By Keith Macklin

Great Britain 15
Australia 24

The pride of Lions was restored at Wigan on Saturday, and it took a questionable penalty try award by *the French* referee, Julien Rascagneres, to let Australia off the hook in this gripping third international, sponsored by Whitbread Trophy.

At 12-12 Great Britain were tearing into the Australians, and the ecstatic Central Park crowd could see visions of a famous and totally unexpected victory wiping out the wretched memories of the first two *internationals. Then Wigan's after*-match signing, Wally Lewis, the inspiring Australian captain, got Shearer away on the right. He kicked over the head of Lydon, and the British wing player brought him down with a tackle. Immediately Rascagneres pointed to the post and awarded the penalty try.

Television and videotape evidence, aids which a referee does not have readily to hand, indicated that Shearer's kick might have gone dead, or could have been covered by Goodway, but the try was awarded and O'Connor's goal gave the Australians an 18-12 lead and breathing space.

Nevertheless the magnificent British fighters lifted their game to hitherto unseen heights, and pulled back to 15-18 with a penalty from Lydon and dropped goal from Schofield. It was Lewis who provided the touch of genius to sink Britain's brave effort. He broke on the right, dummied to Kenny and Shearer, and as the defence moved across cut inside to the post for O'Connor to add another easy goal.

Britain salvaged honour and self-respect, and never have I seen a crowd leave a ground apparently happy in defeat. They knew that they had witnessed a brave and skilful performance by Great Britain, and that the two tries scored by *Schofield crowned moves which* equalled anything the Kangaroos produced throughout the tour. Schofield, the gundog of British rugby, has an uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time, and he has touched down in each of the three internationals.

There seemed little chance of a British revival when Australia swept into a 12-0 lead. Dowling slipped Miles through a huge gap within two minutes. Then a brilliant exchange saw the ball move swiftly through five pairs of hands before Lindner ran through another wide gap. O'Connor kicked both goals.

In the remaining 15 minutes before half-time, Great Britain gathered themselves to score a superb try and pound the Australian line. Gregory and Pinner, who both had outstanding games, sent Myler up the middle and he drew Jack to send in Schofield, Gill adding the goal.

Early in the second half Great Britain produced another sharp move which ended in Schofield backing up Crooks and Stephenson to dive over, Lydon kicking a magnificent touchline goal. Central Park erupted with the noise, but then came the cruel ruling by Rascagneres, and Britain's courageous battle had been in vain. Yet perhaps it was not, for British Rugby League at club, amateur, youth and schoolboy level must have regained confidence after this rousing match.

After the game *Lewis* signed for Wigan at a reputed £2,000 a match, and will make his first appearance for Wigan against Warrington on New Year's Day.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Tries: Schofield (2). Goals: Gill, Lydon. Dropped goal: Schofield. Australia: Tries: Miles, Lindner, Shearer, Lewis; Goals: O'Connor (4).
GREAT BRITAIN: J Lydon; H Gill, G Schofield, D Stephenson, J Basnett; A Myler, A Gregory; K Ward, D Watkinson, captain, L Crooks, C Burton (sub: I Potter), A Goodway, H Pinner.
AUSTRALIA: G Jack; D Shearer, B Kenny, G Miles, M O'Connor; W Lewis (capt), P Sterling; G Dowling, R Simmons, P Dunn (sub: S Davidson), B Niebling, M Meninga, R Lindner.
Referee: J Rascagneres (France)

St Helens triumph tarnished

Some of the gloss was taken off the crushing St Helens 50-10 victory over Hull, their 24th consecutive league win, with the departure from the field of Mark Elia, the New Zealand centre, with a recurrence of his hamstring injury yesterday (Keith Macklin writes). The Saints must now be seriously consider cancelling Elia's contract and asking him to return home.

Half-back Neil Holding was the outstanding player in the nine-try romp, scoring two tries himself and having a hand in most of the others.

Warrington and Wigan kept in touch with St Helens at the top of the first division table with hard-earned wins against Halifax and Barrow. Paul Bishop, another lively half-back, inspired Warrington's 18-12 win *over Halifax, creating tries for* Meadows and Forster and kicking three goals.

Bradford Northern were beaten at home by **Oldham**, despite a try from Terry Holmes which put Northern in front. The second row forward Mick Worral was the key man in Oldham's fight back, scoring a fine try and kicking three goals in Oldham's late flourish.

Salford made it two wins in a row by surprising Widnes at The Willows. Their star player was Terry O'Shea, who scored two tries before half time and added goasl for both tries.

Leeds slumped to yet another defeat after their home thrashing last week at the hands of Warrington. They were beaten *20-8 by Leigh, who have them*selves been struggling.

In the second division **Hunslet** won the battle of the top teams against **Swinton**, while **Blackpool Borough, York, Runcorn Highfield** and **Doncaster** all kept up their challenges with victories.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow 8, Wigan 18; Bradford Northern 10, Oldham 18; Featherstone Rovers 16, Castleford 18; Hull Kingston Rovers 22, Wakefield Trinity 11; Leigh 20, Leeds 8; St Helens 50, Hull 10; Salford 22, Widnes 18; Warrington 18, Halifax 10.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool 20, Hunslet 14; Bramley 18, Fulham 10; Dewsbury 16, Whitehaven 24; Doncaster 30, Carlisle 2; Hunslet 12, Swinton 4; Rochdale Hornets 28, Keighley 8; Sheffield Eagles 24, Batley 4; Workington Town 4, York 6.

SWIMMING

Greatest sprinter since McGregor

By Roy Moor

The outstanding racing of 16-year-old Mark Foster during the weekend's Yorkshire Bank trials at Leicester left nobody in doubt he is Britain's greatest sprint prospect since the former world record holder, Bobby McGregor.

The hope must be that those responsible for the youngster's progress in the sport will convince him of the folly of his ways which have brought him so much displeasure in schools' circles. Though he is banned from competing for England's international schools team, he not only reduced the British senior 50 metres short course record to 22.88sec but followed up another notable victory on Saturday in the 200 metres final by breaking the British record in winning yesterday's 100 metres final in 49.26seconds.

Since leaving Millfield School Foster has come under the training care of Southend's Coach of the Year, Mike Higgs, who says: "The world could be Foster's oyster. All he needs is dedication."

A plea must go out for Higgs to be given the fullest back up at official level to help Foster *achieve his truly exceptional* potential. He is too brilliant a swimmer to be allowed to drift.

RUGBY UNION

Forwards are the key factor

By Ian McLauchlan

The return of their captain Charlie Richardson proved a major factor in **Edinburgh Academicals'** 13-9 win over **Selkirk**. Richardson was in the thick of the action throughout a game in which his forwards dominated in both scrummage and lineout.

For the third week in a row **Gala** have suffered humiliating defeat. This week **Kelso** beat them by 39-3. The Gala team could not cope with Kelso's forward strength and conceded tries by Jefrey (2), Wright (2), Paxton and Robeson. Ker converted three and kicked three penalties. Gala's points came from a penalty by Dods.

Hawick experienced more resistance than anticipated and they beat *Ayr* by 23-3.

The sterling efforts of the **Glasgow Academicals** forwards were rewarded with a narrow 4-3 win over visitors their. **Stewart's/Melville FP**. The home side scored a try through McGregor and Simon Scott kicked a penalty for Stewart's/Melville.

Boroughmuir slumped once again to a 13-3 home defeat at the hands of struggling **Melrose**. The **Jed-Forest** centre, Hogg, kicked three penalties as his side hung on for a 9-9 draw with **West of Scotland**. For the Glasgow side Robertson scored a try which Barrett converted. Barrett also added penalty.

Watsonians and **Heriot's FP** also drew 19-19 at Myreside thanks to a penalty try awarded to the home side with two minutes of play remaining.

A moment to remember from Brown

By George Ace

Ulster 14
Leinster 12

Ian Brown, the Ulster stand-off half, has kicked many a vital point during the northern province's three-year dominance of Irish rugby. But his dropped goal as the game at Ravenhill was entering the sixth minute of stoppage-time will assure him of special mention whenever this battle on a wind-swept and bitterly cold afternoon is recalled. Ulster won by two tries, a penalty and a dropped goal to three penalties and a dropped goal.

Ward, who took over the pivotal role when Dean went off with an ankle injury after only five minutes, was responsible for all of Leinster's points. A Brown penalty was Ulster's only reward against the wind but tries by Duncan and Crossan after the break set the scene for a nail-biting finish.

SCORERS: Ulster: Tries: Duncan, Crossan. Penalty: Brown. Dropped goal: Brown. Leinster: Penalty: Ward (3). Dropped goal: Ward.
ULSTER: P I Rainey (Ballymena) (rep: C Wilkinson, Malone); T R Ringland (Ballymena), D G Irwin (Instonians, captain), W H C Harbinson (Malone), K D Crossan (Instonians); I D Brown (Malone), R C Brady (Ballymena); A P Miller (Ballymena), J P McDonald (Malone), J J McCoy (Bangor), W R Duncan (Malone), G C Morrison (Malone), W A Anderson (Dungannon), N J Carr (Ards), P M Matthews (Wanderers).
LEINSTER: H P MacNeill (London Irish); T J Kennedy (St Mary's), B J Mullin (Oxford University), A J P Ward (Greystones), P Haycock (Terenure) (rep: S O'Beirne, University College Dublin); P M Dean (St Mary's) (rep: J Murphy, Greystones), J A P Doyle (Greystones, captain); P A Orr (Old Wesley), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), R K Kearney (Wanderers), J J Glennon (Skerries), N P Francis (Blackrock), P C Collins (Lansdowne), D P Fanning (St Mary's).
Referee: J Cole (Munster).

● Connacht scored their first win over Munster at Thomond Park by 11-9 on Saturday, scoring two tries and a penalty to one goal and a penalty.

HOCKEY

Partington batters the fragile Army defence

By Sydney Friskin

Worcestershire 6
Army 1

Worcestershire romped into the quarter-finals of the County Championship yesterday with a resounding victory over the Army on the superb artificial turf pitch at the Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Birmingham.

In their next match, Worcestershire will play Staffordshire, who defeated them 2-0 in the Midlands final last week, and among the Staffordshire spies yesterday was Imran Sherwani, their best forward and a member of the England World Cup team.

Ken Partington, apart from scoring three goals, had a hand in the other three, taking every advantage of the open spaces. The Army were reasonably sharp in attack, with Gordon and Jolly prominent, but were unstable in defence.

By half-time, the Army were in full retreat, Worcestershire having scored five goals. Knott's conversion of a penalty stroke in the ninth minute was followed 10 minutes later by a goal from Partington and further goals by Mallett, McPhun and Partington again put Worcestershire in a strong position.

After the interval, the Army tightened their defence by bringing in Peach for Marwaha, but they still could not prevent Partington from scoring his third goal, and Worcestershire's sixth.

The Army then launched a counter-offensive which brought them three short corners. Jennings missed a penalty stroke, not putting enough power behind it to beat Taylor in goal. But three minutes before the end, Gordon scored a consolation goal by converting a short corner.

WORCESTERSHIRE: S Taylor (Stourport); G Lamb (Stourport), N Chaudhry (Pickwick), D Knott (Stourport), M Evans (Stourport), N Mallett (Bournville), W Sedgwick (Bournville) (sub: J Roberts, Bournville), J Aldridge (Stourport), P Marshall (Bournville) (sub: J Ogle, Worcester), K Partington (Slough), J McPhun (Stourport).
ARMY: Capt N Haddock (Green Jackets); 2nd Lt R Pughe (RA), Maj T Marwaha (REME) (sub: Sgt C Peach, RAPC), Lt B Hennesy (RE), L/Cpl I Jennings (Para), Cpl G Day (RAOC), Capt M Banham (RA), Capt N Gordon (RHA), Capt I Jolly (RA), Capt A Scopes (RE), 2nd Lt S Hazlitt (Light Infantry).
Umpires: G R Blakeman (West) and D Collier (North).

● The preliminary round match between Somerset and Essex was postponed yesterday because the ground was unplayable. It will be played next Sunday.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Devon v Cambridgeshire; Somerset or Essex v Cheshire; Staffordshire v Worcestershire; Kent v Yorkshire.

McKenzie bout

Promoters Gary Davidson and Frank Warren pair the British light-welterweight champion Tony McKenzie and the former world light-welterweight champion Bruce Curry of the USA over 10 rounds at the Latchmere Centre, Battersea on Saturday, November 29.

Surveyor in office

Richard Collins, a chartered surveyor, has been appointed vice-chairman of Charlton Athletic Football Club. Collins, a director since 1981, was instrumental in bringing together the Sunley consortium which saved the club from extinction

Holmes back

The former Republic of Ireland international footballer Jimmy Holmes has been reinstated as the manager of the GM Vauxhall Conference side Nuneaton Borough. The former Coventry and Spurs defender left the club after 12 months in charge for "personal reasons". But now, after the chairman Noel Kelly dismissed rumours of a takeover bid at the club, he has agreed to rejoin them as manager.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PARLIAMENT HILL: London cross-country championships: Men: (6 miles): 1, K Mills (Shaftesbury), 31.50; 2, C Barley (North London), 31 53; 3, J Leversedge (Haringey), 32 13. Team: 1, Haringey 30; 2, North London 43; 3, Shaftesbury 52. Women: (3 miles): 1, H Baxter (Highgate), 18.38; 2, L Watson (LOAC), 19 10; 3, S Karenbrum (LOAC), 19 30. Team: 1, Shaftesbury Barnet Ladies 38; 2, LOAC 41; 3, Highgate 45.
WIMBLEDON: Belgrave Harriers open: (7 miles road walk): 1, C Maddocks (Dawlish) 47 54; 2, M Easton (Surrey WC), 48.07; 3, P Vesty (Leicester), 49 35. Team: 1, Steyning 48; 2, Belgrave 67; 3, Surrey WC 76.
Battersea Park: Tallgrass: (10km): 1, K Penny (Cambridge H), 30min 06sec; 2, G Tuck (Omega), 30.25; 3, P Jones (Cambridge H), 30.26. Women: G Penny (Cambridge H), 34 15.
St Saviour: Jersey Half-marathon: 1, N Lees (Derby and County), 1hr 7min 2sec; 2, D Reeves (TVH), 1:8.4; 3, P Forster (TVH), 1 8.32. Veterans: D Smith (Jersey Spartan), 1 15 13. Team: 1, TVH, 17 pts; 2, Blackburn, 25; 3, Jersey Spartan, 36. Women: 1, A Gooderham (Bournemouth), 1:18 50; 2, B Finn (Jersey Spartan), 1:20.24; 3, C McCarthy (Liverpool Pembroke), 1.28.12.
Bishops Stortford: Southern Counties road championship: (10 miles): 1, S Kerr (Enfield), 52 min 05sec; 2, J Cleary (Muswell Hill), 53:26; 3, A Puddicombe (Muswell Hill), 53:48. Team: 1, Muswell Hill. Veterans: 1, B Kew (St Edmunds Racers), 56 32. Women: 1, A Hazell (Harlow), 58:20 (course record).
Woodford: Essex Veterans cross-country championship: (5 miles): 1, P Cheadle (Newham and Essex Beagles), 25min 46sec; 2, K Hutchings (Walthamstow), 26:15; 3, B Diss (Havering), 26:29. Team: Walthamstow, 45pts; 2, Havering, 46; 3, Chelmsford, 66.

BASKETBALL

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals (at Bracknell): BCP London 81 (Bett 20, Kellybrew 18, Roberts 16, Pond 16), Calderdale Explorers 94 (Blunt 25, Johnson 21, Findlay 14, Xavier 10, MacCauley 10); Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 102 (Rivers 26, Andrews 21, Scantlebury 16, Sellar 13), Team Polycell Kingston 113 (Bontrager 28, McNish 20, Daws 20, Clark 19, Scott 18).
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Drapers Tools Solent Stars 97 (Lewis 34, Marsh 23, Robinson 14), Hemel/Watford Royals 102 (Hale 37, Knuckles 31, Keenan 26). Second division: Oldham Celtics 105, Lambeth Topcats 84; Plymouth Raiders 121, Swindon Rakers 91; Tower Hamlets 89, TF Group Cleveland 95; Team Walsall 105, Ellesmere Port 85. British Masters Regional Round: Peterborough Jets 84, BPCC Rams Derby 131. Division one, women: Stockport Louvolite 45, Typhoo Sheffield Hatters 61; London YMCA 58, Avon Northampton 66; Nottingham Wildcats 77, Chamos Swifts Derby 58.
NORTH AMERICA: National Association League: Friday: Boston Celtics 135, Golden State Warriors 120; Detroit Pistons 120, Philadelphia 76ers 110; Washington Bullets 115, Houston Rockets 99; Chicago Bulls 101, New York Knicks 99; Los Angeles Lakers 111, New Jersey Nets 95; Dallas Mavericks 130, Phoenix Suns 122 (ot); Portland Trail Blazers 127, San Antonio Spurs 114. Saturday: Atlanta Hawks 97, Boston Celtics 96; Detroit Pistons 93, Cleveland Cavaliers 84; Chicago Bulls 93, Washington Bullets 84; Golden State Warriors 97, New York Knicks 93; Denver Nuggets 132, Phoenix Suns 120; Utah Jazz 96, New Jersey Devils 78; San Antonio Spurs 109, Los Angeles Clippers 102; Milwaukee Bucks 107, Sacramento Kings 99; Seattle Supersonics 121, Indiana Pacers 111.

BOWLS

McCarthy and Stone indoor club championship: Fourth round: Victory 83, Arun 71; Wey Valley 83, Richmond 58; Falaise 57, Preston 91; Dartford Stone Lodge 68, Cyphers 86; Bounds Green 73, Paddington 79; Towerlands 78, Colchester 83; Victoria (Street) 84, Christie Miller 81; Exonia 86, Torbay 81; Cotswold 100, Northavon 61; Whiteknights 66, Isis 79; North Walsham 73, Wyndondham Dell 102; City of Ely 73, Peterborough 72; Nottingham 86, Rugby 72; Bassetlaw 53, Boston 100; Stanley 81, Cumbria 70; Darlington 71, Hartlepool 75.

BOXING

JOHANNESBURG: WBA bantamweight championship: (15 rounds): B Pinango (Ven) bt S Skosana (SA), ko, 15.
SEOUL: IBF flyweight championship: (15 rounds): Shin Hee-Sop (S Kor) bt H Brent (US), ko, 13.

CRICKET

AUSTRALIA: Sheffield Shield matches: Wangaratta: (Third day): Queensland 523 (G Ritchie 141, A Border 67). Victoria 334 (J Siddons 108, T Dodemaide 71 not out; C McDermott 6-89) and 33-0.
Devonport: Tasmania 264 (R Woolley 79, B Reid 4-49) and 124-3 (G Hughes 68 not out), Western Australia 430 (T Moody 111, W Andrews 64; R Brown 5-114).

CYCLO-CROSS

CRYSTAL PALACE: London championship: 1, A van Boeygen (Neth), 1hr 7min 13sec; 2, D McMullen (Wembley) at 44sec; 3, M Young (GB Juniors) at 1min. European Challenge: 1, B Lebras (Fr), 1hr 14min 19sec; 2, D Baker (GB) at 1min 10sec; 3, R Ploy (Neth) at 1min 29sec.

FENCING

DARLINGTON: National Open: Men's Foil: 1, S Walton (Aberdeen University); 2, C Chin (Edinburgh Univ); 3, N Hills (Cambridge University); 4, C Washburn (Polytechnic). Women's Foil: 1, M Lloyd (Polytechnic); 2, H Kay (York); 3, N Crawford (Paul); 4, J Bruce (Stockport).

GOLF

TAIPEI: Chiang Kai-shek centennial championship: Final scores: (Taiwanese unless stated): 294: Kuo Chi-hsiung, 71, 76, 71, 76; 295: Lai Tsung hui 73, 76, 72, 74; 296: Lu Hsi-chun 74, 75, 76, 71; Tso Chien-teng 78, 74, 72, 72; Chen Tze-chung 75, 74, 73, 73; Chen Liang-hsi 72, 75, 72, 77. 297: L Hinkle (US), 74, 77, 73, 73; Chung Chun-hsing 76, 77, 70, 74; Ian Baker-Finch (Aus) 73, 76, 74, 74; Chen Tze-ming 72, 74, 76, 75. 298: Ho Ming-chung, 75, 76, 74, 73; B Langer (WG), 75, 75, 73, 75. 300: G Turner (NZ), 77, 74, 72, 77.

HANDBALL

SABAC, Yugoslavia Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: Local Metaloplastika (Yug) bt Barcelona (Sp), 30-21. Overall: 55-52.

HOCKEY

County Championship: Preliminary Round: Yorkshire 3, Buckinghamshire 0; Worcester 6, Army 1; Somerset v Essex postponed. PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Hounslow 1, Blackheath 1; Slough 7, Bromley 1. League: Beckenham 4, Reading 4; Dulwich 2, Tulse Hill 0; London Univ 5, Weybridge Hawks 2; Maidenhead 2, Old Kingstonian 1; Mid-Surrey 0, Wimbledon 0; Purley 2, Teddington 3; St Albans 2, Richmond 3; Southgate 5, Cheam 0; Spencer 6, Hampstead 1; Surbiton 0, Oxford Univ 1. NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Brentwood 0, Harleston Magpies 3; Broxbourne 1, Blueharts 0; Chelmsford 2, Ipswich 0; Ford 1, Bury St Edmunds 1; Old Loughtonians 4, Norfolk Wanderers 0; Peterborough Town 1, Bishop's Stortford 2; St Neots 2, Bedford 2; Westcliff 1, Cambridge City 7. McEWANS LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 1, Fareham 1; Eastcote 1, Oxford Hawks 0; Havant 4, Marlow 4; Lewes 0, Gore Court 2; Lyons 1, Chichester 2; Trojans 0, Indian Gymkhana 2; Tunbridge Wells 0, East Grinstead 7. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Camberley 2, Bournemouth 0; Epsom 1, US Portsmouth 1; Fleet 1, Basingstoke 2; Met Police 1, Barnes 1; NatWest Bank 0, Merton 5; Walton 3, Hamble OB 0; Winchester 2, Southampton Univ 2; Woking 2, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 3. Kent/Sussex: Folkestone Opt 0, Canterbury 3; Gravesend 0, Sevenoaks 1; Old Beccehamians 1, Lloyds Bank 1; Old Williamsonians 1, Old Bordenians 2; Thames Poly 1, South Saxons 1. Middx, Berks, Bucks, Oxon: Amersham 3, Polytechnic 1; Harrow Town Swans 2, Aylesbury 2; NPL 0, Old Merchant Taylors 5; Tilehurst 5, Bicester 1. WOMEN: Territorial county championship: South: Buckingham 0, Surrey 0; Middlesex 3, Berkshire 2; Sussex 3, Oxfordshire 0; Middlesex 1, Buckinghamshire 1; Berkshire 2, Surrey 0; Hampshire 3, Sussex 0. Champion county: Berkshire. Midlands: Leicestershire 3, Warwickshire 2; Shropshire 1, Northamptonshire 0; Staffordshire 3, Nottinghamshire 0; Worcester 3, Derbyshire 0; Leicestershire 1, Nottinghamshire 0; Warwickshire 2, Northamptonshire 1; Bedfordshire 4, Derbyshire 0; Staffordshire 2, Worcestershire 1; Worcestershire 1, Nottinghamshire 1; Leicestershire 2, Northamptonshire 0; Shropshire 1, Derbyshire 0; Bedfordshire 3, Warwickshire 1. Champion county: Staffordshire. North: Yorkshire 2, Westmoreland 0; Durham 1, Cumberland 0; Lancashire 2, Cheshire 1; Sheffield League 5, Lancashire Central League 2; Durham 2, Westmoreland 1; Northumberland 2, Manchester League 1; Sheffield League 4, Cumberland 0; Yorkshire 1, Cheshire 0; Northumberland 1, Lancashire Central League 0; Lancashire 5, Manchester League 0; Cheshire 4, Manchester League 0; Sheffield League 5, Westmoreland 0; Lancashire 4, Yorkshire 0; Lancashire Central League 2, Durham 1; Cumberland 1, Northumberland 0. Champion county: Lancashire. East: Norfolk 2, Kent 1; Lincolnshire 1, Hertfordshire 3; Norfolk 0, Suffolk 4; Kent 4, Hertfordshire 0; Suffolk 2, Essex 1; Norfolk 3, Lincolnshire 1; Cambridgeshire 2, Hertfordshire 1; Huntingdonshire 2, Kent 1; Essex 6, Lincolnshire 0; Huntingdonshire v Cambridgeshire postponed. Champion county: Suffolk. West: Dorset 1, Somerset 0; Avon 1, Gloucestershire 0; Wiltshire 1, Cornwall 1; Devon 6, Herefordshire 3. Wiltshire 2, Devon 0; Herefordshire 1, Dorset 1; Gloucestershire 5, Somerset 0; Avon 4, Cornwall 0.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 6, Mellor 10; Boardman and Eccles 14, Old Stopfordians 10; Cheadle 11, Heaton Mersey 4; Sale 10, Old Waconians 12; Stockport 14, Urmston 5.
SOUTHERN SENIOR FLAGS: Second round: Buckhurst Hill 19, Cambridge University 4; Enfield 3, Hillcroft 23; Hampstead 17, Oxford University 5, London University 11, Kenton 9. South West Counties Youth Championships: Army 5 Dorset 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League: Friday: Quebec Nordiques 6, Buffalo Sabres 1; Washington Capitals 3, Detroit Red Wings 3 (ot); Hartford Whalers 4, St Louis Blues 0; Los Angeles Kings 4, Winnipeg Jets 1; New York Rangers 8, Vancouver Canucks 5; Saturday: Boston Bruins 6, St Louis Blues 5; Hartford Whalers 6, New York Islanders 3; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Quebec Nordiques 3, Buffalo Sabres 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Washington Capitals 4; Calgary Flames 8, New York Rangers 5; Edmonton Oilers 5, Vancouver Canucks 2; Detroit Red Wings 4, Montreal Canadiens 3; Minnesota North Stars 6, New Jersey Devils 2.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: MCC v Canford School: (MCC first): R F Hollington bt I Snell, 6-3, 6-3; D S Mills bt J Boys, 6-3, 6-5; B A Sharp bt B Idun Dun, 6-1, 6-2; P Flower bt T Worsley, 6-3, 6-5; A B Stephens lost W Foster, 2-6, 1-6.

SKIING

SESTRIERE, Italy: Women's special slalom: Saturday: 1, B Gadient (Switz), 1min 34.27sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz), 1:35.44; 3, M Maierhofer (Aust), 1:35.46. Sunday: 1, M Svet (Yug), 1min 37.79sec; 2, P M Sforza (It), 1:38.00; 3, N Bonfini (It), 1:39.45; 4, K Lesiak (Yug), 1:40.10; 5, M Dezman (Yug), 1:40.11; 6, H Lazak (WG), 1:40.85; 7, U Maier (Aust), 1:41.41; 8, A Gersch (WG), 1:41.69; 9, M Borsotti (It), 1:42.08; 10, G Glanera (It), 1:42.20.

NETBALL

GATESHEAD: First Test international: England 39, Australia 40.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
First round
Bristol Rovers v Brentford (7.45)
Replays
Fulham v Hereford
Maidstone v Welling
Swansea v Wealdstone (7.00)
Second Replays
Chester v Rotherham
Chorley v Wolverhampton (at Bolton)
Halifax v Bolton
Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary Round
Middlesbrough v Doncaster
FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Replays: Dulwich Hamlet v Grays Athletic; Mossley v Hyde Utd; Nuneaton Borough v King's Lynn.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Royston v Ware; Vauxhall Motors v Tring.
GMAC CUP: First round: Crawley v Maidstone.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: BILL DELLOW CUP: First round: Rushden v King's Lynn.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Folkestone; Salisbury v Gosport.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Bognor Regis v Lancing.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hereford Utd v Newport Co (7.0).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Preston v Rotherham (7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Essex FA XI v Army FA XI (at Leyton Wingate FC).

OTHER SPORT

ICE SKATING: Tuborg British Senior Figure Championships (at Solihull).
SNOOKER: Tennents UK Open Tournament, final stages (at Guild Hall, Preston).
SQUASH RACKETS: Inter-City National Championships (at Temple Meads, Bristol).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Sadness in Paradise: all is revealed

● Ever mindful of its obligation to respect *Elgar's* soulful cello theme under the opening titles, John Mortimer's **Paradise Postponed** retains its air of sadness right up to the last shot of the concluding episode tonight (ITV, 9.00pm). Personally, I don't regret the fact that, during the whole of its run, we could count on the fingers of one hand the number of those characteristically dry-humoured lines we have come to expect of Mortimer. It is unfair to expect him to be in Rumpole mood all the time. And, anyway, how can intimations of Lear be totally avoided when you have Michael Hordern in the cast? I was, I admit, surprised to learn in the final instalment of *Paradise Postponed* the contents of the letter that brought that look of astonishment to Fred Simcox's face last Monday night, and the tune on the old 78 rpm record that is discovered, gathering dust, in the dead rector's attic alongside the bust of Karl Marx.

● Also ending tonight is Robert McCrum's documentary series **The Story of English** (BBC2, 8.05pm), which seems to have confounded everybody by taking an essentially radio subject — the evolution and transmogrification of a language — and turning into stimulating television. The big surprise in tonight's final film is the way that, far from being just a lifeline to the outside world or the lingua franca of the streets, pidgin English, Indian English and the creoles of the Caribbean are becoming both an important literary medium in the countries that use them and a revitalizing influence on standard English itself. Anthony Burgess is quoted tonight as describing this "New English" as a glorious impurity. Linguistic purists will probably watch tonight's film with stony faces.

● Like it or not, you know exactly where you stand when a film begins with the information: "One in every three women wet themselves." If you have no desire to know about the high incidence of incontinence in this country and what is being done to reduce it, then this week's edition of **Nurses** (BBC2, 10.00pm) is not going to be your cup of tea. Others will be intrigued to learn that there are 103 advisers in this country offering various kinds of relief to those who, in the words of one sufferer interviewed tonight, have had to face the 3-D nightmare of distress, demoralization and degradation. Male sufferers will gain little comfort from the news that one device that will help them spend a penny without discomfort costs one pound a time.

● Radio choice: There is a repeat broadcast of Frederick Lonsdale's highly polished comedy **On Approval** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), with Dulcie Gray, Michael Denison Jill Bennett and Francis Matthews in the cast. Radio 3 offers an hour of superior jazz performed by Barbara Thompson and the band she calls Paraphernalia (10.00pm). Classical music highlights include Garrick Ohlsson playing the Bartok Piano Concerto No 3, with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (Radio 3, 12.20pm), and the Vienna Philharmonic under Haitink playing Bruckner's Symphony No 4 in **New Records** (Radio 3, 2.45pm)

Peter Davalle

Jill Bennett in the concluding episode of Paradise Postponed (on ITV, 9.00)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 News headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** Cartoon series. (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. Plus, all this week, Bernard Falk discusses the treatment of his heart problem with cardiologist Kim Fox.
8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton introduce the first of a new consumer affairs programme **8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00 News** update and weather.
9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk and a studio audience discuss a topical subject. The first of a new series **9.45 One in Four.** Isobel Ward's magazine programme for the disabled **10.00 Neighbours.** (r) **10.20 The Wombles.** (r)
10.25 Philip Schofield with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings. **10.30 Play School.**(r) **10.50 Henry's Cat** (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Catherine Grifler with a thought for the day **11.00 Going to Pot** with Susan Hampshire and Geoff Hamilton. (r)(Ceefax) **11.30 Open Air.** The viewers' chance to comment on television programme quality.
12.20 Championship Snooker. Highlights of yesterday's third round matches in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb. **1.50 Bric-a-Brac.** A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r) **2.00 The Clothes Show.** A new collection of Kangol hats designed by Graham Smith; Ian McCaskill models the latest designs in spectacles; and Anouska Hempel displays her wardrobe.
2.30 The Onedin Line. Mr Baines is shanghaied and James sets off in pursuit of his mate. (r) **3.20 Valerie.** Domestic comedy series from the United States
3.50 Pie in the Sky. For the young **4.10 Wizbit** with Paul Daniels **4.20 The Mysterious Cities of Gold.** Animated adventure serial **4.45 Jonny Briggs.** Drama serial about a young man living with his parents in the north-east of England.
4.45 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. Mark Curry returns from Malawi with important news for Sight Savers. (Ceefax) **5.35 Masterteam.** Quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 Reporting London.
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Anthony Burgess, Dr Anthony Clare, and Gwen Taylor. Music is provided by Big Country.
7.35 Life on Earth. This final programme of the series concentrates on one species - Man. David Attenborough traces man's origins back three million years. (r) (Ceefax)
8.30 Brush Strokes. Comedy series about an amorous painter and decorator. Starring Karl Howman. Last in the series. (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: The New Falklands Factor. Gavin Hewitt reports from the Falklands and Argentina on the reaction to Britain's imposition of a new fishing limitation zone. Sir Geoffrey Howe, President Raul Alfonsin, and the Governor of the Falklands, Gordon Jewkes, are interviewed.
10.10 Championship Snooker. The Tennants United Kingdom Championship introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston.
12.10 Weather.

Filming advice for Anna Soubry from professional Philip Chavannes: Make Your Own Video, Channel 4, 6.00pm

BBC 2

8.55 The Lords This Week. A repeat of yesterday's programme of highlights of the week's debates in the House of Lords.
9.38 Daytime on Two: teamwork in careers **10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Music: rhythms **10.38** Farming in Scotland **11.00** Some Oxfordshire schoolchildren learn about the Netherlands' Sinterklaas Day **11.22** Options in the third year.
11.45 How beliefs affect everyday life **12.08** Working women and new technology **12.28 Ceefax 12.40** Under-age drinking and society's attitude to alcohol **1.05** Micro Live **1.38** Working in the construction industry **2.00** Words and pictures for the very young **2.15** Living in the tundra region.
2.35 See Hear. For the hard of hearing. (r)
3.00 Championship Snooker. Third round action in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship. **3.35** Regional news and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. The guests are spiritualist Doris Stokes, and royals' photographer Tim Graham. Music is provided by Lindisfarne.
4.30 Championship Snooker. Further coverage of the Tennants United Kingdom Championship.
5.15 Did You See..? An abridged version of yesterday's programme which included comment on The Singing Detective, Arena's profile of Salvador Dali, and New Faces of 86.
6.00 Film: City of Darkness* (1939) starring Sidney Toler, Lynn Bari and Lon Chaney Jr. Charlie Chan investigates the murder of a Parisian munitions manufacturer. Directed by Herbert I Leeds.
7.10 The Sorcerer's Apprentice. An animated film narrated by Vincent Price. (r)
7.35 Open to Question. A studio audience of young people subject Edward Heath to an inquisition.
8.05 The Story of English. This last programme of the series explores the new Englishes which are springing up all over the world. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
9.00 Cool It. A new comedy series starring the versatile Phil Cool.
9.30 Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV. Comedy sketches and songs.
10.00 Nurses: A Hidden Problem. This week's programme in the series examining what it is like to be a nurse in the Eighties features Janet Blannin, a specialist on incontenence, who, who is attached to 15 clinics within a 700 square mile radius of Bath. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.40 Newsnight. 11.25 Weather.
11.30 Telejournal. Tonight's news from RTVE's first channel, Madrid. Ends at **12.00.**

ITV LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: part two of a film version of the Christmas story **9.47** The baker and baking **9.59** No Hanky-Panky, a story by Naomi Lewis **10.11** A trip to the seaside **10.28** The Craft, Design and Technology conference **10.45** What is the future for work? **11.07** Maths - the number '10' **11.19** Science: rivers of rock **11.41** Biotechnology.
12.00 Atarah's Music. Danny the Drum. (r) **12.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale of The Sensitive Robot.
12.30 Baby and Co. Dr Miriam Stoppard examines the choices available to women when they give birth. (r)
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news** presented by Leonard Parkin.
1.30 Film: My Teenage Daughter* (1956) starring Anna Neagle and Sylvia Sims. A mother believes her 17-year old daughter's boyfriend is not what he claims to be. Directed by Herbert Wilcox.
3.25 Thames news headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe.** Animated science fiction adventures. **4.45 From the Top.** Comedy series starring Bill Oddie as a star-struck ex-bank manager.
5.15 Blockbusters. Bob Holness presents another round of the general knowledge game for teenagers.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardiner and John Andrew.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Workout, an organisation helping the young unemployed.
6.35 Crossroads. Benny is Yeoman's Cottage's minder.
7.00 The Krypton Factor. A building society executive; two students; and a fireman compete in the Group C Final of the brain and brawn competition. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet Lynch has trouble with Alec Gilroy. (Oracle)
8.00 Executive Stress. Comedy series starring Geoffrey Palmer and Penelope Keith as a couple working for the same company but keeping their marital status secret.
8.30 World in Action: The Midas Touch. An investigation into the lucrative 100 year association between a London company, Consolidated Gold Fields, and South Africa. In the past decade alone the company has made £575 million profit from the Republic's gold mines, but, critics allege, the company relies heavily on the apartheid system, treating its black workforce harshly.
9.00 Paradise Postponed. The final episode and all is revealed as to why Simeon Simcox left his money to Leslie Titmuss. (see Choice) (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Film: Borsalino (1970) starring Jean-Paul Belmondo and Alain Delon. Crime thriller set on the Marseilles waterfront during the Thirties. Directed by Jacques Deray.
12.55 Night Thoughts.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40** and **7.40**; exercises at **6.55**; cartoon at **7.25**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves' television highlights at **8.35**. The After Nine guests include Rula Lenska and child care expert Penelope Leach.

Tony Doyle and Mary Larkin in Lovers of the Lake, adapted from the story by Sean O'Faolain (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show.
3.30 Irish Angle. Weekly Irish current affairs programme.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with comedy impressionist Mike Yarwood who talks frankly about his life and his battle with the bottle.
4.30 Countdown. The reigning champion is challenged by Tony Durrant, a window cleaner from Eccles.
5.00 Grampian Sheepdog Trials. The first semifinal of the Grampian Television Trophy.
5.30 Basketball - Go 4 It! Simon Reed and Danny Palmer with the latest basketball news and action from both sides of the Atlantic.
6.00 Make Your Own Video. A new four-part series, presented by Anna Soubry who plays the complete novice when it comes to handling video equipment and receives advice from professional cameraman Philip Chavannes.
6.30 Write On. Part seven of Ruth Pitt's series on the lost art of letter writing and other writing skills.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen includes a report on the South African government's efforts to set up a forum of black communities.
7.50 Comment from Sidney Block, author and Chairman of the Central Council for Jewish Social Services. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Pat and Terry arrive back from Barbados and Tommy McArdle informs them that they must accompany his wife on the final leg back to Edinburgh; and the Corkhills apply for a loan to ease their debt problems.
8.30 Chance in a Million. It is Tom's and Alice's wedding eve and everything is not going smoothly. The best man, the bridesmaid, and the majority of wedding guests are missing. (Oracle)
9.00 Lovers of the Lake. A dramatization of a Sean O'Faolain story about a married middle-aged woman who reaches the crossroads of her life after an affair that has tasted six years. Starring Mary Larkin and Tony Doyle. (r)
10.00 A People's War. Part three of the series about the Second World War on the home front examines how the problems of food shortages were overcome. (Oracle)
11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Witness to War. An Oscar award-winning documentary about Charlie Clemens, a Viet-Nam War US Air Force pilot who is now a doctor working behind rebel lines in El Salvador. Followed by **And That is Why the State is to Blame.** A profile of Marianella Garcia Villa, president of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador, who was killed in March 1983 by the Salvadorean army. Ends at **12.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35-6.00pm Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Home Brew 12.10-12.50am Rugby Special (Ulster v Leinster) 12.50-12.55 News NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35-6.40pm Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 12.10-12.15am News ENGLAND: 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Do You Take This Stranger? 3.15 Cartoon 3.25-3.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Who's The Boss? 10.30 Anglia Report 11.00 Sweeney 12.00 New Squadronsires 12.30am Personal View.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Guns at Batasi 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.30 Border Question Time 11.30 Minder 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.45-7.00 Central Post 10.35 England Their England 11.05 Protectors 11.35 Contact 12.05am Jobfinder 1.05 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.30 Home Cookery 1.35 Film: Ill-Met by Moonlight 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Conquering Cats 10.30 Questions 11.20 Hunter 12.20am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Hasty Heart 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.30 Film: California Split 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-3.15 Antwerp at the Time of Rubens 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Mary 10.30 Double Vision 11.15 Sweeney 12.15am Portrait of a Legend 12.40 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Follow a Star 6.00-7.00 News 10.30 Film: Death Cruise 11.55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-9.45 Looking Forward 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30 Wales Means Business 11.15-12.35am Film: Death Cruise.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00-4.00 Film: Two for the Road 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Benson 10.35 Crime Desk 12.40am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Two Left Feet 3.10-3.30 Riverboat 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.00-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 10.32 Hunter 11.30 Search for Wealth 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

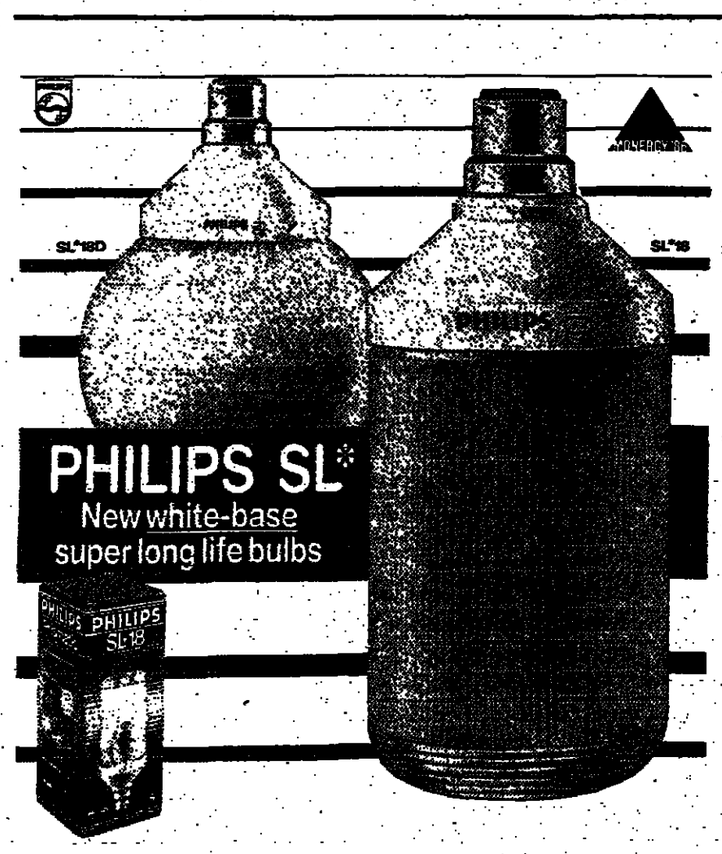
TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Home Cookery 1.35-3.30 film: Ill-Met by Moonlight 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Partour Game 10.30 Questions 11.20 Hunter 12.20am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Password is Courage 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Straight Talk 10.32 Nightime 12.00 Darts 12.40am Industry Year, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-3.15 Film: On the Fiddle 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.20 Festival Spot 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle 10.30 Heritage from Stone 11.00 Sweeney 11.55 Show Express 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Dr Ehrlich's Magic Bullet 3.20 Home Cookery 3.25 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Calendar Fashion 10.30 Calendar Commentary 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Protectors 12.30am-6.00 Music Box.

S4C 11.10am Schools' Programme 1.30pm Pob's Programme 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Late, Late Show 3.35 Make It Pay 4.05 Uunieu Dydd Llun 4.20 Fotron 4.45 Criwsrter Cali 5.00 Ni A Nhw 5.30 Cosby Show 6.00 Hogan's Heroes 6.30 Mavis on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Arolwg 8.00 St Elsewhere 9.00 Gwiad Gwiad 9.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 10.00 Snwcer 10.40 Bosco 11.25 Who Dares Wins 12.10am Closedown.



Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF.
News on the hall-hour from 6.30am, until 8.30pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30am Simon Mayo **7.00** Adrian John **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: — **4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (Medium wave). Stereo on VHF.
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks **1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only). **9.55 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Ken Livingstone with news, views and music **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** David Hamilton **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell (Dance Band Days) **8.30** Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with Jazz on record **10.00** Acker's Away (Acker Bilk and Paramount Jazz Band) **10.30** Star Sound **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 8.30) **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** The Betrothed **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Scoop **8.30** Anything Goes **8.60** News **8.09** Review of British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Look Ahead **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Canadian Novel **10.30** Afro Beatbox **11.00** News **11.09** News About Town **11.15** Plants in our Past (until 11.30) **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Just a Minute **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Arthur Freed and Hollywood Musical **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Voyages of Captain Cook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Canadian Novel **3.45** Sounds of the Sixties **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** My Country in Mind **4.30** European Cabaret Songs **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Book Choice (until 5.15) **5.00** News **6.09** Twenty-Four Hours **6.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.01** Network UK **8.15** European Cabaret Songs **9.30** Afro Beatbox **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** My Country In Mind **11.30** Matchbox **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Arthur Freed and Hollywood Musical **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** My Country In Mind **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Music of Weber **5.45** World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Concert: Bliss (Hymn to Apollo: LSO), Beethoven (The Creatures of Prometheus overture: Northern Sinfonia), Purcell (Man that is for the woman made: Ian Partridge,tenor), Bach (Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541: Hurford, organ), Beethoven (Symphony No 8: Leipzig Gewandhaus/Masur). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued): Suppé (Pique Dame overture: Montreal SO), Purcell (Double Dealer incidental music: Academy of Ancient Music), Bliss (music from ballet suite Checkmate: RLPO), Debussy (ballet music Jeux: Amsterdam Concertgebouw). **9.00** News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Scriabin. Etude in D sharp minor, Op 8 No 12 (composer at piano), Sonata No 1 (Berman, piano), Preludes Op 11 Nos 1,2,13,14 (Scriabin, piano), Preludes, Op 13, Nos 1,2,3 (Gavrilov, piano), Reverie, Op 2: (SNO), Sonata No 2, Op 19 (Ashkenazy, piano)
10.00 Oboe and Piano Music: Nicholas Daniel and Julius Drake. Groviez (Sarabande and Allegro), Messiaen (Vocalise-Etude), Poulenc (Vocalise-Etude), Herbert Howells (Sonata)
10.45 Dutoit conducts Saint-Saens: Philharmonia play. Phaeton, Op 39, and Montreal SO play Symphony No 3, with Peter Hurford, organ
11.35 Violin and Piano: Kathleen Winkler and Michael Dussek. Wieniawski (Legende), Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen), and Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 12 No 1)
12.20 BBC Welsh SO (under Bryden Thomson), with Garrick Ohlsson (piano). Smetana (Sarka, Ma Vlast) and Bartok (Piano Concerto No 3). **1.00** News
1.05 Eder Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in D, Op 20 No 4) and Mozart's Quartet in G, K 387
2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a conversation with Ruud van der Meer (r)

Barbara Thompson: on Radio 3, 10.00pm

2.45 New REcords: Wagner (Flying Dutchman overture: Bayreuth Festival Orchestra), Schubert (Fantasy in C, D 760: Perahia, piano). Strauss (Last Four Songs: Anna Tomowa-Sintow,soprano/Berlin PO), Bruckner (Symphony No 4: Vienna PO). **4.55** News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Paul Riley presents recorded music
6.30 Organ music: Jane Watts plays works by Franck (Prelude, Fugue, Variation, Op 18), Karg-Elert (Passacaglia Variations and Fugue on BACH)
7.05 Resurrection: Crawford Logan reads Alan Golightly's story
7.30 Irina Arkhipova. The mezzo (with Ivari Ilia, piano) sings songs by Medtner, Taneyev, Prokofiev, Shaporin and Sviridov. Part one
8.15 Russian Literarys Trends: (2) Mary Seton-Watson on The Dark Side of Life — Kashtanov's The Evil Hour, and Akmatov's Place of Execution
8.35 Recital (part two): more songs by Irina Arkhipova
9.20 Britten performs Mozart: ECO (under Britten) perform the Serenade No 6 in D, K 239, the Serenata notturna: and Symphony No 29
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Barbera Thompson's Paraphernalia
11.00 Guitar music: Stefano Grondona plays Henze's Drei Tentos, and Royal Winter Music, No 2
11.35 Haydn: Dartington Quartet play the Quartet in E flat major, Op 64 No 6
11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

On Long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing: Weather. **6.10** Farming. **625** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week On 4. Programme previews by Bryan Martin.
8.43 Glyn Worsnip delves into the BBC Sound Archives. **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Start The Week with Richard Baker (s)
10.00 News; Money Box, presented by Louise Botting.
10.30 Morning Story: Vaarlem and Tripp, by Leon Garfield. Read by Trevor Nichols.
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 118) (s)s
11.00 News; Travel; Down your Way. Brian Johnston visits Huddersfield (r)
11.48 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests, presented by Kevin Crossley-Holland. Readers are Geoffrey Collins and Elizabeth Bell.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs. The presenter is Susan Rae
12.27 Top Of The Form. General knowledge contest. Christ College, Brecon, versus Ripon Grammar School. This is one of the semi-final rounds of the contest. **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One: News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. Includes a feature on what Birmingham is doing to help the long-term young jobless. Also, Jennie Goossens reads the final instalment of Elizabeth Taylor's novel The Soul of Kindness
3.00 News; Afternoon Play. On Approval, by Frederick Lonsdale. Cast includes Dulcie Gray, Michael Denison, Jill Bennett and Francis Matthews. This production will be discussed on Kaleidoscope on Radio 4 which follows the play(r)(s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last Friday's edition. Including items on the new film Smooth Talk, the Radio 4 production of Frederick Lonsdale's comedy On Approval, broadcast on Radio 4 on Saturday night and repeated this afternoon at 3.00,and an interview with Nigel Williams
5.00 PM News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Radio Active. The In-house Documentary; an everyday tale of everyday life . . .(r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 On Your Farm
7.45 Science Now. Peter Evans reviews discoveries and developments from the world's leading laboratories.
8.15 The Monday Play. Fly Away Home, by William Humble. With Hywel Bennett as the man who has refused to grow up. With Stephanie Turner, Trevor Nichols, Simon Williams and Thomas King (r).
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on the film Round Midnight, and an interview with the violinist Nigel Kennedy. There is also a feature about East European writers.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: A House for Mr Biswas, by V S Naipaul (part 9 of 15). Read by Garard Green.
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today In Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move! (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime (s) **2.20** Science Scope (s) **2.40** Pictures in Your Mind (stories) (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting (s) Economics (O level): Case Studies in Production **12.30 1:** Location of Industry — Systime **12.50 2:** Small firms — Rowland, Ratcliffe Ltd

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

SPORT

Tyson heralds the age of the fighter

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

Boxing has a new champion and a new face — Mike Tyson, a 20-year-old from New York. In destroying Trevor Berbick, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, in two minutes and 25 seconds of the second round at the Hilton Center here on Saturday, he may have ushered in the dawning of a new age in boxing that could herald the end of the Muhammed Ali era.

Since Ali, as Cassius Clay, won the world title and rewrote the textbooks 22 years ago, the boxer using his size dominated the fighter. Now it could be the turn of the fighter. "I want to be like John L Sullivan" Tyson said. "There's no-one like him."

Tyson has been acclaimed as the youngest heavyweight world champion, breaking Floyd Patterson's record of 21 years, 10 months and 26 days, on the strength of lifing the WBC title. But, really, he still needs to overcome Tim Witherspoon, the World Boxing Association champion, or Tony Tubbs, the two of whom meet on December 12, and Michael Spinks, the International Boxing Federation champion, in the series to unify the three titles to be accepted as a figure of Ali's greatness.

He is certainly heading in that direction. It would have been difficult to find someone in the capacity 8,300 crowd who would have disputed that Tyson is well on his way to the undisputed title. If he succeeds in beating the other two champions, nothing short of another supreme Ali will take it away from him. As Tyson said afterwards: "I am the youngest world champion and I will be the oldest."

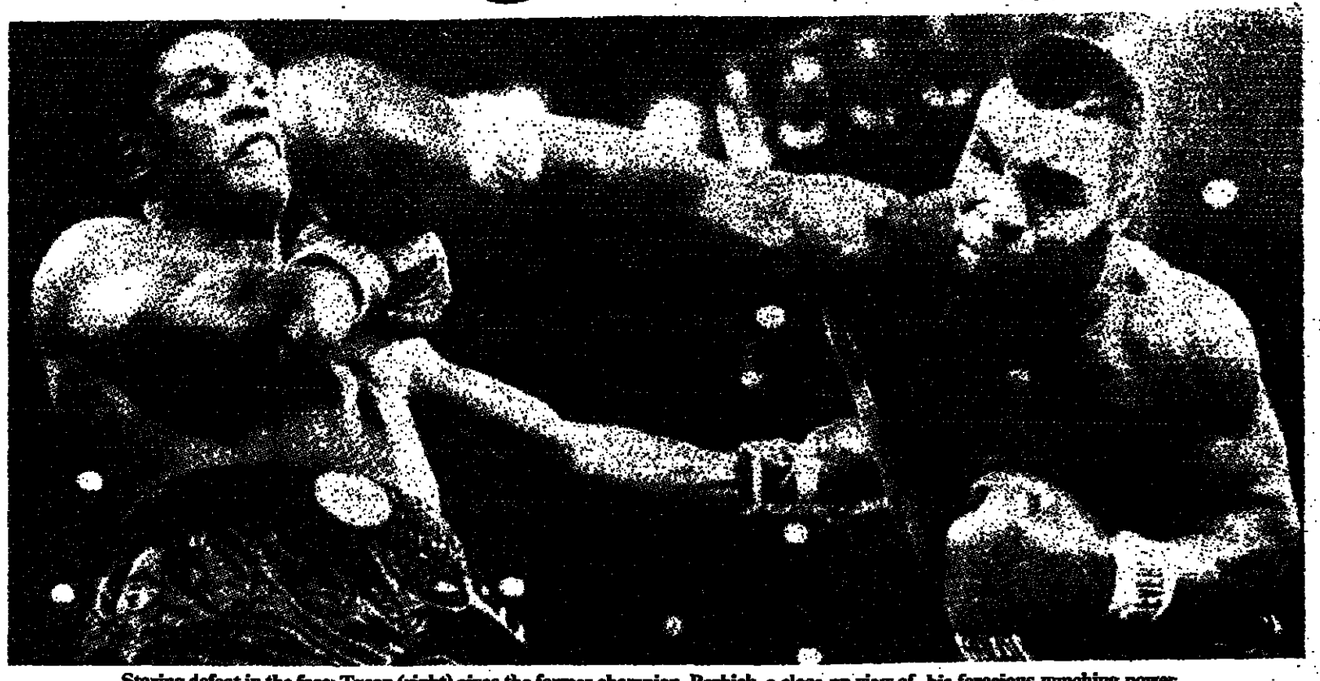
When a left hook finally sent the 6ft 2½in Berbick thrashing about the floor in a swimming motion as he tried to rise above the waves of unconsciousness that were trying to drown him, one had the distinct feeling that what opposition there remained in the rest of the world was of little consequence. For, as Tyson's manager, Jim Jacobs, said: "From this point he is going to be 40 per cent better and that is an ominous spectre for the other heavyweights."

Tyson, who was having his 28th contest in 18 months, showed a remarkable maturity for his 20 years, even to the point of calming down Jacobs in his trailer before the fight with the words "it is only natural that you should feel nervous before a fight, Jim". He then went into the ring to dominate the contest thoroughly from the first exchange of blows.

He was attired in his usual black trunks and boots and was sweating heavily, having warmed up in the trailer on the heavy pads. "He was throwing pineapples out there," Jacobs said. Berbick, a minister of the Moments of Miracles Church, Las Vegas, tried to steal Tyson's thunder in the psychological battle by also turning up in black and with a red cross on his trunks. But he looked nervous and licked his lips constantly. The storm could not be averted.

The champion made the mistake of carrying the fight to Tyson. "I wanted to prove I could take his best shots but he threw them from very strange angles," Berbick said. In those four minutes and three seconds of boxing, Berbick managed to land only 13 punches out of the 36 that he threw. Tyson, on the other hand, threw 106 and landed 59.

With each punch Tyson broke down Berbick's will to box and, by the end of the first, Berbick could not even remember that he was a more than capable boxer who had gone the distance with Larry Holmes, beaten Ali, and lifted the title from Pinklon Thomas.



Staring defeat in the face: Tyson (right) gives the former champion, Berbick, a close-up view of his ferocious punching power

With a minute to go in the first round, two right hands stunned Berbick. The champion waved Tyson closer. Tyson obliged. A right and a left sent Berbick staggering across the ring. There was a pained expression on his face, almost as if he was about to cry like a little boy who had had a sweet taken away from him by a bully. Berbick's arms waved about in the air as if they did not belong to him and it seemed all over but for the bell, which came to his aid. Still like a little boy, Berbick stuck his tongue out at Tyson. That was where the fight was won by the challenger.

In the second round, what Jacobs calls the Joe Louis Syndrome — a state where a fear of Tyson drains away the ability of the opponent to think and act — took over. Tyson capitalized on the situation. "I knew then that this was my night," he said. "He is going to be hurt now, I thought."

Tyson unleashed what his late manager and guardian, Cus D'Amato, used to call "intuitive power" where every blow enhances the smoothness and ferocity of the next. In most boxers, this is found in spurts; in Tyson, it is there all the time. No wonder Angelo Dundee, who was in Berbick's corner, said afterwards: "I hadn't realized that his hands were so fast."

Tyson's short arms struck home as the taller, Jamaican-born Canadian, leaned forward trying to grapple, suffering severely at close quarters and, when just inside range, breaking away. A right to the head dropped the champion, but Berbick jumped up at three. A right to the body followed and Berbick lurched forward, trying to hold. Tyson dug into the kidney with his right, which brought Berbick's hands down, missed that deadly upper cut, then clipped Berbick's wrist with the left.

For a moment, Berbick leaned on Tyson, barely touching. Tyson, seeing he was gone, simply moved away and Berbick toppled, almost in slow motion, to the floor. He rolled over and, with the referee, Mills Lane of Reno, hovering over him, he tried to get up. He keeled across the ring, got onto his knees, went over again and finally stood up. The lights of Las Vegas were spinning. The referee put his arms around him and supported him back to his corner. The crowd rose to their feet as one.

Tyson turned and walked towards his jubilant corner. Jacobs jumped in. Tyson kissed him. "Do you think Cus liked that?" he said to Jacobs.

Afterwards, Tyson said: "I think Cus would have been telling all those fighters up there 'there's my man, there'. I don't think much about Cus but I know he is always with me." And then he added: "I was hitting him with murderous precision. I was out for blood. I wanted the title and no way was I coming out without it."

American experts who have followed boxing from the great days of the Garden believe they have seen one of the finest moments in the history of the heavyweights and witnessed the arrival of the new saviour of the division. "He will continue in a straight line taking all comers," Ferdie Pacheco said. "Remember, Ali fought everybody including your Richard Dunn." Lou Duva, who has a world contender in Tyrell Biggs, felt that the age of the big men could be over. Some feared for the safety of Michael Spinks, who is really a blown-up light heavyweight. Others were glad that Tubbs and Witherspoon would be given a fright

Bruno to offer the other cheek

While most British armchair viewers sat in awe of Mike Tyson's two-round destruction of Trevor Berbick yesterday, Frank Bruno hardly blinked as he watched boxing history being savagely recorded in the television room of his sumptuous new home in Essex.

As Tyson, the 20-year-old former New York street mugger, landed the concussing left that made him the youngest world heavyweight champion of all time, Bruno's mind roved back to the day Tyson kissed him in a New York gymnasium. That's right, kissed him.

The shelves on the wall of the TV room heavy with video evidence of the performances of every world heavyweight champion this century, boxing-buff Bruno taped the Tyson victory so that he could add it to his action-packed collection: "I'll be watching this tape over and over again in the months ahead," he said. "I've got to be good and ready to meet 'The Man'."

According to Terry Lawless, his manager, there could be a Tyson-Bruno showdown sometime next year.

"Tyson was as chilling as I expected him to be, but Berbick made it easy for him with his tactics," said Lawless after he and Bruno had studied the recording for a sixth time. "If Tyson gets past the likes of Witherspoon and Michael Spinks I see the distinct possibility of him fighting Bruno late next year because there will be nobody left to test him.

"I know that at the moment most people will dismiss Frank as having no chance, but he is full of confidence that he can beat him because he knows he was his gov'nor in the gym."

Bruno had two sparring sessions with Tyson in the United States. "I won't forget it because of the weird thing that Tyson did when we first sparred together," Bruno recalled as the action replay of Berbick's rubber-legged disintegration filled the screen for the umpteenth time. "He kissed me."

There was a deep-throated chuckle from Bruno as he confirmed what he had said. "That's right — he kissed me. I've never had that happen to me in the gym before. He didn't say a word to me when we finished three hard rounds of sparring. He just kissed me on the cheek.

"He was just 16 then and I was 20. To be honest, he had a slight edge over me in that sparring session because I was tired out after a long journey.

A year later we sparred again, this time at a gym in the Catskill Mountains and I got the better of him in every round. In fact, he didn't show up the next day, although he said he would come back for another work out.

"I sickened him with my left jab, which is what I thought Berbick would try to do. He played right into Tyson's hands by trying to fight him instead of boxing him. It's suicide to stand and trade punches with him — as Berbick found out."

Bruno becomes articulate and encyclopaedic when talking boxing. He has made a thorough study of all the world's leading heavyweights and so you don't argue when he says: "Tyson's real test will come when he meets the winner of Tubbs and Witherspoon. I think Tim will win that fight and then he will give Tyson all sorts of trouble. He is much more durable and powerful than Berbick and would mess Tyson around and not let him get set for his big punches. I should know, shouldn't I!"

Witherspoon remains a bruise on Bruno's memory. He has not fought since a gallant challenge for the Philadelphian's WBC heavyweight crown at Wembley Stadium in July, a thrilling battle in which he was bludgeoned to defeat in the eleventh round after leading for most of the way. Bruno, whose hero status was elevated rather than diminished by his performance against Witherspoon, expects to return to the ring against a rated American early next spring.

If the programme of his master manager goes to plan, Bruno could be fighting Tyson in a fight worth millions of dollars before 1987 is out. And then Bruno means to make Tyson kiss the world title goodbye .... know what I mean?

Norman Giller

RUGBY UNION

Bath to check on Robson

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bath, the John Player Special Cup holders for the last three years, will discuss with David Robson, their assistant coach, his visit last week to watch the Australian rugby league side training before deciding whether to take any action.

Their concern arises largely from a local newspaper report from which, some senior members of the club suggested, it could be inferred that Robson was acting as an official club representative.

He was not available over the weekend, but the report suggests that he and Tom Hudson, director of physical education at Bath University and, up to last season, a member of Bath's coaching panel, went to Leeds to watch the Australians prepare for Saturday's final international against Great Britain.

SQUASH RACKETS

Former champion forced off the rails

By Colin McQuilan

Inter-City virtually adopted Bryan Beeson when he came from nowhere in 1984 to reach the first national final under their sponsorship. Yesterday he showed his continuing filial respect for their event by dumping the former champion, Gawain Briars, out of the third round of the 1986 championship 9-5, 9-3, 10-9.

The Beeson who broke through in 1984 was a talented county league player more concerned with his engineering job at a Gateshead hospital than with top squash. In the past two years, with sponsorship from Inter-City, he has benefitted from play on the professional circuit.

On the all-transparent Perspex court specially mounted at Bristol's Temple Meads Station, the 26-year old Tynesider attacked Briars, the third seed, without inhibition, working the furthest corners with care and firing adventurous drops and overhead kills around the lanky form of one of Britain's most experienced professionals.

With Briars, ranked No. 5 in the world, leading 7-3, 8-7 and even 9-8, it seemed Beeson, ranked fortieth, would fall away from his best ever win. He has had match point against Gawain before, but never managed to beat him.

In Tuesday's quarter-finals Beeson will meet Paul Carter, who easily outpaced young Paul Gregory, the 18-year old who in the previous round put out the fifth seed, Jamie Hickox. Philip Kenyon, the defending champion, will meet Cerryg Jones of Wales who yesterday also upset the seedings, beating David Pearson in straight games.

RESULTS: Men: Second round: D Pearson bt J Cornish 9-4, 9-2, 9-0; P Gregory bt J Hickox 4-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; P Carter bt R Elliott 9-6, 9-7, 9-3; C Jones bt J Evans 9-0, 9-4, 9-3; B Beeson bt A Danzey 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; N Harvey bt C Wilstrop 9-5, 9-0, 9-1; G Briars bt P Millington 9-2, 10-8, 9-2; D Harris bt J Nicolle 9-6, 9-1, 5-9, 9-7; A Naylor bt S Taylor 9-4, 9-5, 9-2; D Meddings bt R Owen 9-6, 9-6, 10-8; P Kenyon bt Z Saleh 9-7, 9-5, 9-4; M Bodimeade bt R Forde 9-2, 9-4, 10-9; J Ransome bt D Lee 9-7, 9-2, 9-5; P Whitlock bt D Walker 9-6, 3-9, 9-10, 9-3, 9-4. Third round: C Jones bt D Pearson 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; P Whitlock bt A Naylor 9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-3. Women: Second round: J Parker bt N Parsons 9-1, 9-6, 9-3; F Geaves bt W Berry 9-2, 9-5, 9-5; B Diggens bt L Walshaw 9-4, 9-2, 9-7; L Brown bt P Nicholl 5-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; A Cumings bt K Read 9-2, 9-5, 9-2; M Le Moignan bt C Machine 9-4, 9-0, 9-2; R Best bt S-L White 9-1, 9-0, 9-4; S MacFie bt F Candy 10-8, 6-9, 2-9, 10-8, 9-4; D Vardy bt S Johnson 9-2, 9-2, 9-7; A Smith bt G Turney 9-0, 9-5, 9-0; S Burgess bt S Fury 10-8, 9-0, 9-0; M Warren-Hawkes bt A Pring 9-3 9-3 9-4; L Soutter bt M Oram 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; K Le Lievre bt C Jackson 9-3, 10-8, 10-8; F Roberts bt P Anderson 9-1, 6-9, 9-5, 9-5; L Ope bt H Rutt 9-5, 9-1, 9-3. Third round: M LeMoignan bt J Parker 9-4, 9-3, 9-0; A Cumings bt F Greaves 9-5, 2-9, 9-5, 9-1; B Diggens bt S MacFie 9-5, 4-9, 6-9, 10-8, 9-3; A Smith bt D Vardy 9-0, 9-2, 9-10, 9-5; L Brown bt M Warren-Hawkes 9-1, 9-2, 9-1.

SNOOKER

Thorne put to flight by Drago

By a Correspondent

Tony Drago, Malta's only professional and the youngest survivor in the £300,000 Tennents UK Open at Preston, swept impressively towards the first major quarter-final appearance of his career yesterday.

Drago, aged 21 in September and plainly homesick for his native Valetta, shook off any lingering depression with a burst of high break building to open a 6-1 first session lead in his best of 17 frame third round match with Willie Thorne, the world No. 7.

Drago produced successive breaks of 30 to open a 2-0 lead and although Thorne briefly found his touch with a break of 67 to take the third frame, Drago responded with further breaks of 49, 57 and 56 to clinch the next three frames inside 31 minutes. Drago then led 55-1 in the final frame before Thorne hit back with a 48 clearance to the pink and force a black ball finish. Thorne seemed to have the safety battle in control as he left the black resting tightly against the to cushion, but Drago scorned any soft option hammering a high speed double into a bottom corner pocket to snatch the frame.

Foulds was another young professional in top form. He compiled a series of big breaks to lead 5-2 over White, his stablemate and the world No 5. Foulds sunk a 90 clearance in the first frame but fell behind 2-1 as White conjured up decisive breaks of 39 and 40. But Foulds then took control

THIRD ROUND: S Davis bt D Reynolds, 9-5 (Davis first: 34-84, 20-68, 87-0, 116-0, 81-1, 32-90, 102-4, 72-38, 118-0, 84-71, 79-49, 20-65, 112-10, 74-43; C Thorburn (Can) bt J Spencer, 9-2 (Thorburn first: 71-18, 17-93, 63-44, 82-2, 98-22, 72-22, 70-52, 39-76 60-49, 96-16, 80-48; A Drago leads W Thorne 6-1 (Drago first: 61-22, 68-44, 37-73, 78-34, 78-1, 84-17, 62-49;

FOOTBALL: EVERTON AND LIVERPOOL FINISH ALL SQUARE

Wind the only winner but Merseyside skills survive

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Everton	0
Liverpool	0

Not even the gods could diminish the quality of the 135th Merseyside derby. The local gales, wild enough to transform the mouth of the nearby river into a sea of white horses and strong enough to unnerve all the drivers of high-sided vehicles in the area, merely refreshed it.

Those who watched it live on television yesterday afternoon might not have appreciated that Goodison Park was like a wind tunnel. The odd balloon, careering across the screen like a low flying kite, would have offered a clue without fully illustrating the difficulty of the conditions and the problems they posed.

Less talented sides would have been reduced to a giant-sized version of blow football, outdoor "subbuteo" under a cold and wet November sky. Instead the standard of the play was so high and so consistent that the wintry storm appeared to be no more powerful than a summer breeze.

The fixture itself was temptestous. Derbies invariably are. But the agression, apart from the illegitimate assualts of Langley and Sheedy for which both were booked midway through the second half, was as controlled as every other feature of a game that was never dull, seldom unimaginative and always purposeful.

Within the framework of the fiery passion, that was as audible off the pitch as it was evident on it, lay a collection of brains that remained cool inspite of being forced to work at blowing speed. The level of technique was a delight and at times equal to Europe's best.

That there were no goals was of little consequence. There was enough, more than enough, to enchant a huge audience of 48,247 that gath ered for the occasion inspite of the presence of the BBC's cameras and of the foul weather. They generated the atmosphere of a Cup tie.

It usually is when Everton and Liverpool come across each other these days. Of their five previous meetings this year, four of them involved a piece of silverware. The prize yesterday, at the end of the first scoreless event on Merseyside in four seasons, was shared, and deservedly so.

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The clubs also remain level overall, with 47 wins apiece.

Everton, who are now belatedly and ominously approaching full strength, claimed the moral victory. They can consider themselves unfortunate not to have been awarded a penalty midway through the first half. Lawrenson, bemused by Heath's turn on the edge of the area, seemed to bring him down inside it.

They also struck the woodwork on the hour. A corner by Sheedy, creatively the most brilliant star in the sparkling cast, was nodded on by Sharp, and Heath, not for the first time in the afternoon, eluded the taller figures around him to head against the bar.

Liverpool, employing a sweeper and elastically changing shape by intermittently moving their full backs into midfield, can point to several openings of their own. Almost all of them fell to Rush, who could have climbed closer to Dixie Dean's historic record of 19 goals in Merseyside derbies.

The referee denied him a 17th for a push, though he looked to have challenged Mountfield legitimately before beating Southall in the 22nd minute. Either his own control or his own inaccuracy let him down as Beglin, Whelan and Walsh in turn, all released him before the interval.

Liverpool used the long ball more often than is their custom to threaten Everton through the speed of Rush and Walsh. After the hour, they retreated and concentrated more on earning the point that lifts them closer to Nottingham Forest and Arsenal. Their closing tactics attracted the derision of the home supporters.

Kenny Dalglish, who left himself out yet again, was startled by the first question asked of him later by the press. "If you think it was a dull game," he said bluntly, "why don't you write about it?" The same presumably goes for an opposing opinion as well.

EVERTON: N Southall; A Harper, P Power, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, K Langley (sub: P Wilkinson), T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp, N Adams, K Sheedy.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, J Beglin, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Walsh, S Nicol, I Rush, J Molby, S McMahon.

Rubber-legged disintegration

Elevated status in the wake of defeat

Portsmouth profit

Portsmouth narrowly missed out on promotion from the second division last season but their misery was offset by a profit of almost £400,000. The boost to Portsmouth's millionaire chairman John Deacon came from the £250,000 sale of Neil Webb to Nottingham Forest and a £450,000 instalment from AC Milan for Mark Hateley.

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Success for Baddeley

By Richard Eaton

Steve Baddeley won the second world grand prix title of his seven-year international career when he beat the rapidly rising 21-year-old Poul Hoyer-Larson, of Denmark, 15-4, 15-11 to take the Famous Grouse Scottish International Championships at Edinburgh yesterday.

It was the same Meadowbank Stadium where the England No 1 number one took the Commonwealth Games gold medal three months ago. Yesterday's victory might have been in doubt had he not won the second game against an opponent who possess almost unreadable disguises, a dangerous game near the net, and the German Open title which he unexpectedly won recently.

On Saturday Baddeley won in straight games against Darren Hall, the English national champion, who had already qualified for next month's world grand prix finals in Kuala Lumpur with a straight-games win against Ib Fredriksen, the European silver medalist. England's former world doubles champion Nora Perry and the European singles champion Helen Troke however failed to qualify for the women's doubles when they were beaten for the third time in a row by Christine Magnusson and Maria Bengtsson of Sweden. Denmark's Dorte Kjaer and Nettie Nielsen qualified instead.

RESULTS: Men's singles: final: S Baddeley (GB) bt P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 15-14, 15-11. semi-finals: S Baddeley (GB) bt D Hall (GB) 17-14, 15-5; P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt J Nierhoff (Den) 8-15, 15-11, 15-10. quarter-finals: S Baddeley (GB) bt T Carlsen (Den) 10-15, 15-8, 15-12; D Hall (GB) bt I Frederiksen (Den) 18-13, 15-11; P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt V Kumar (Ind) 15-2, 15-3; J Nierhoff (Den) bt J Antonssecn (Swe) 15-3, 15-3. Women's singles: final: C Magnusson (Swe) bt A Van der Knaap (Hol) 11-6, 11-4. semi-finals: C Magnusson (Swe) bt M Hoogland (Neth) 11-1, 11-5; A van der Knaap (Neth) bt C Palmer (GB) 11-1, 11-9. womens quarter-finals: C Magnusson (Swe) bt L Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) 11-6, 11-4; M Hoogland (Neth) bt A Gibson (Scot) 11-3, 11-12, 11-5; A van der Knaap (Neth) bt S Halsall (GB) 12-10, 11-4; C Palmer (GB) bt A Fisher (GB) 11-6, 11-1.

SPORT IN BRIEF

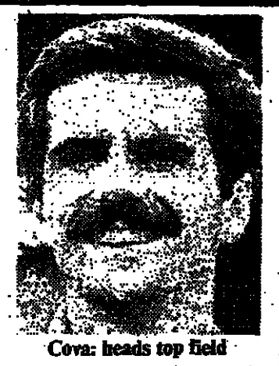
Patterson warned

The West Indian Test cricketer Patrick Patterson has been warned about his form by his county, Lancashire. The fast bowler took only 40 wickets last summer at an average 30.55 after helping the West Indies to demolish England during the winter.

In his annual report, the Lancashire chairman Cedric Rhoades said: " Two and a half wickets a game is just not sufficient for our overseas players and clearly an improvement is needed for next season."

Forced out

Johannesburg (AFP) — Injury has forced Severiano Ballesteros to withdraw from the 10-man field of next month's Sun City $1million golf tournament. But organizers say he will be there as a guest to reaffirm that his withdrawal has not be forced by anti-apartheid pressure.



Cova: heads top field

Cova's date

The Olympic and world 10,000 metres champion Alberto Cova again heads a top-class field in the HFC international cross-country meeting at Cardiff on Sunday, December 21. Last year's race ended in a controversial dead-heat between the Italian and England's Dave Lewis, who will also be competing at Cardiff. The men's race will include teams from the United States, Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

England lose

England were beaten 40-39 by Australia, the world champions, in a thrilling netball international at Gateshead on Saturday.

Jones wins

Singapore (AP) — Jonathan Jones, of Britain, finished second in the Singapore leg yesterday to win the Fonda World Grand Prix for power boat racing. Mark Wilson, also of Britain, won the leg and came second overall, with another Briton, John Hill, finishing third overall.

Fijians suffer

The Fiji Barbarians received a rough introduction to Irish rugby in the first game of their short tour there yesterday when Landsdowne beat them 41-3. Landsdowne scored six tries including a penalty try and after leading 7-3 at half-time against a strong wind they ran riot in the second period.